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(57) Abstract

The invention relates to masked monophosphate nucleoside analogues, their preparation and their therapeutic use in the treatment of viral infection, including infection by HIV. In particular, the invention relates to aryl phosphoramidate 2',3'-dideoxy and 2',3'-dideoxydidehydro of nucleoside analogues and of PMEA.

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CHEMICAL COMPOUNDS

The present invention relates to a new class of nucleoside analogues and their therapeutic use in the prophylaxis and treatment of viral infection, for example by human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), which is believed to be the aetiological agent in human acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS).

10 There has been much interest in the use of nucleoside analogues as inhibitors of HIV. 2',3'-dideoxy-2',3'-didehydrothymidine (d4T) and 3'-azido-3'-deoxythymidine (AZT) are both known inhibitors of HIV [Hitchcock et al., Antiviral Chem. Chemother. (1991), 2, 125; Mansuri et al., 15 Antimicrob. Agents Chemother., (1990), 34, 637.]. The inhibition of HIV by these, and other nucleoside analogues, is conventionally thought to depend upon conversion of the nucleoside analogue *in vivo* to the corresponding 5'-triphosphate by (host-cell) kinase enzymes. However, this 20 absolute dependence upon (host-cell) kinase-mediated activation can lead to poor activity, the emergence of resistance, and clinical toxicity.

In order to reduce the dependence on kinase enzymes the use 25 of masked phosphate pro-drugs of the bioactive nucleotide forms of several chemotherapeutic nucleoside analogues has been suggested [McGuigan et al., Nucleic Acids Res., (1989), 17, 6065; McGuigan et al., Ibid., (1989), 17, 7195; Chawla et al., J. Med. Chem., (1984), 27, 1733; Sergheraert et al., 30 J. Med. Chem. (1993), 36, 826-830.]. In particular, McGuigan et al [J. Med. Chem. 36, 1048-1052 (1993)] have reported the preparation of aryl ester - phosphoramidate derivatives of AZT. In vitro evaluation of these compounds revealed the compounds to have anti-HIV activity. However, 35 in "normal" thymidine kinase rich (TK⁺) cells, the activity of such compounds was at least an order of magnitude less than the parent nucleoside AZT. Only in TK-deficient (TK⁻) cells, in which the activity of the aryl ester -

phosphoramidate derivatives was virtually maintained but the activity of AZT was reduced, did the activity of the derivatives exceed that of AZT.

5 McGuigan et al [Bioorganic & Medical Chemistry Letters, 3,(6), 1203-1206 (1993)] have also reported preparation of triester phosphate derivatives of d4T. Again, in vitro evaluation of these compounds revealed that whilst the compounds have significant anti-HIV activity, the activity
10 is less than that of the parent nucleoside d4T in TK⁺ cells.

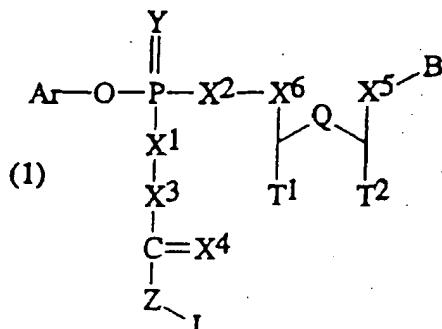
Abraham and Wagner (Nucleosides and Nucleotides 13(9). 1891-1903 (1994)) have reported the preparation of nucleoside phosphoramidate diesters and triesters but do not report any
15 biological activity.

The acyclic nucleoside analogue 9(2-phosphonomethoxyethyl) adenine (PMEA), and analogues thereof, have been demonstrated to show activity against herpes viruses and
20 retroviruses including HIV (Calio et al., Antiviral Res., (1994), 23(1), 77-89; Balzarini et al., AIDS, (1991), 5(1), 21-28).

To date, the approach of providing masked phosphate pro-drugs has failed to enhance the anti-viral activities of the parent nucleoside analogues such as AZT and d4T in TK⁺ cells. Furthermore, the emergence of resistance to the nucleoside analogues in their bioactive 5'-triphosphate form has rendered the reported masked phosphate pro-drugs and
30 their parent nucleoside analogues potentially ineffective.

It has now been found that a particular class of masked nucleoside analogues are highly potent viral inhibitors in both TK and TK⁺ cells, and yet retain activity against
35 nucleoside (e.g. d4T) - resistant virus.

According to the present invention there is provided a compound of the formula (1)



10 wherein Ar is an aryl group;

Y is oxygen or sulphur;

15 X¹ is selected from O, NR³, S, CR³R⁴, CR³W¹ and CW¹W² where R³ and R⁴ are independently selected from hydrogen, alkyl and aryl groups; and W¹ and W² are heteroatoms;

20 X²-X⁶ may be absent; or X⁶ is CH₂ and X⁷ is selected (independently of X¹) from O, NR³, S, CR³R⁴, CR³W¹ and CW¹W² where R³ and R⁴ are independently selected from hydrogen, alkyl and aryl groups; and W¹ and W² are heteroatoms;

25 X³ is a C₁₋₆ alkyl group;

X⁴ is oxygen or CH₂;

30 X⁵ may be absent or is CH₂;

Z is selected from O, NR⁵, S, alkyl and aryl groups, where R⁵ is selected from hydrogen, alkyl and aryl groups;

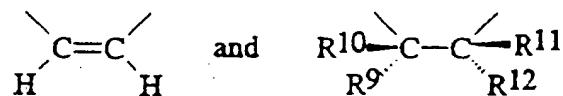
35 J is selected from hydrogen, alkyl, aryl, heterocyclic and polycyclic groups;

Q is selected from O, NR⁶, S, CR⁶R⁷, CR⁶W³ and

CW^3W^4 , where R^6 and R^7 are independently selected from hydrogen, alkyl and aryl groups; and W^3 and W^4 are heteroatoms;

5 T^1 and T^2 are independently selected from hydrogen and CH_2R^8 , where R^8 is selected from H, OH and F; or T^1 and T^2 are linked together and together are selected from the groups

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where R^9 is selected from H, halogen, CN, NH_2 , CO-alkyl and alkyl; and R^{10} , R^{11} , R^{12} are independently selected from H, N_3 , halogen, CN, NH_2 , CO-alkyl and alkyl;

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B is a purine or pyrimidine base;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative or metabolite thereof.

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The compounds of the present invention are potent anti-viral agents. In particular, they are highly active against HIV in both TK and TK⁺ cells. Particularly surprising is the activity of the compounds of the present invention against 30 nucleoside-resistant HIV. These observations indicate that the activity of these compounds is not wholly dependent upon the conventional mode of action (requiring hydrolysis of the phosphate aryl ester and P-X¹ bonds followed by kinase-dependent conversion to the 5'-triphosphate derivative), but 35 arises from an entirely different mode of action. The experimental data presented herein indicates that the compounds and metabolites of the present invention are directly acting as reverse transcriptase (RT) inhibitors via

a previously unrecognised metabolic pathway and mechanism of action.

Reference in the present specification to an alkyl group means a branched or unbranched, cyclic or acyclic, saturated or unsaturated (e.g. alkenyl or alkynyl) hydrocarbyl radical. Where cyclic, the alkyl group is preferably C₃ to 5 C₁₂, more preferably C₃ to C₁₀, more preferably C₃ to C₇. Where acyclic, the alkyl group is preferably C₁ to C₁₆, more preferably C₁ to C₆, more preferably methyl. Reference in the present specification to alkoxy and aryloxy groups means alkyl-O- and aryl-O- groups, respectively. Reference to 10 alkoyl and aryloyl groups means alkyl-CO- and aryl-CO-, respectively.

Reference in the present specification to an aryl group means an aromatic group, such as phenyl or naphthyl, or a 15 heteroaromatic group containing one or more, preferably one, heteroatom, such as pyridyl, pyrrolyl, furanyl and thiophenyl. Preferably, the aryl group comprises phenyl or substituted phenyl.

20 The alkyl and aryl groups may be substituted or unsubstituted, preferably unsubstituted. Where substituted, there will generally be 1 to 3 substituents present, preferably 1 substituent. Substituents may include halogen atoms and halomethyl groups such as CF₃ and CCl₃; oxygen 25 containing groups such as oxo, hydroxy, carboxy, carboxyalkyl, alkoxy, alkoyl, alkoxyloxy, aryloxy, aryloyl and aryloyloxy; nitrogen containing groups such as amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, cyano, azide and nitro; sulphur containing groups such as thiol, alkylthiol, sulphonyl and 30 sulphoxide; heterocyclic groups which may themselves be substituted; alkyl groups, which may themselves be substituted; and aryl groups, which may themselves be substituted, such as phenyl and substituted phenyl. Alkyl includes substituted and unsubstituted benzyl.

Reference in the present specification to heterocyclic groups means groups containing one or more, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, oxazolyl, pyrrolidinyl, pyrrolinyl, imidazolidinyl, imidazolinyl, 5 pyrazolidinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, pyranyl, pyronyl, pyridyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl, piperidyl, piperazinyl, morpholinyl, thionaphthyl, benzofuranyl, isobenzofuryl, indolyl, oxyindolyl, isoindolyl, indazolyl, indolinyl, 7-azaindolyl, isoindazolyl, benzopyranyl, coumarinyl, isocoumarinyl, 10 quinolyl, isoquinolyl, naphthridinyl, cinnolinyl, quinazolinyl, pyridopyridyl, benzoxazinyl, quinoxadinyl, chromenyl, chromanyl, isochromanyl and carbolinyl.

References in the present specification to polycyclic groups 15 means a group comprising two or more non-aromatic carbocyclic or heterocyclic rings which may themselves be substituted.

Reference in the present specification to halogen means a fluorine, chlorine, bromine or iodine radical, preferably 20 fluorine or chlorine radical.

The group Ar comprises a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, wherein the term "aryl group" and the possible substitution of said group is as defined above. Preferably, 25 Ar is a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group. Particularly preferred substituents are electron withdrawing groups such as halogen (preferably chlorine or fluorine), trihalomethyl (preferably trifluoromethyl), cyano and nitro groups. Preferably, Ar is phenyl, 3,5-dichloro-phenyl, p-trifluoromethyl-phenyl, p-cyano-phenyl, or p-nitro-phenyl.

Y may be oxygen or sulphur. Preferably, Y is oxygen.

X¹ is from O, NR³, S, CR³R⁴, CR³W¹ and CW¹W² where R³ and R⁴ are 35 independently selected from hydrogen, alkyl and aryl groups; and W¹ and W² are heteroatoms. Preferably, X¹ is selected from O, S and NR³. Preferably, X¹ is NR³. When present, R³ is preferably H. When present, W¹ and W² may independently comprise any heteroatom such as a halogen, preferably

fluorine.

X²-X⁶ may be absent; or X⁶ is CH₂ and X² is selected (independently of X¹) from O, NR³, S, CR³R⁴, CR³W¹ and CW¹W² 5 where R³ and R⁴ are independently selected from H, alkyl and aryl groups; and W¹ and W² are heteroatoms. When present, X² is preferably oxygen. When present, R³ is preferably H. When present W¹ and W² may independently comprise any heteroatom such as halogen, preferably fluorine.

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X⁴ is oxygen or CH₂. Preferably, X⁴ is oxygen.

X⁵ may be absent or is CH₂.

15 Z may comprise O, NR⁵, S, alkyl or aryl groups, where R⁵ is selected from H, alkyl and aryl groups. Preferably, Z is O or NR⁵. Preferably, R⁵ is hydrogen. Most preferably, Z is oxygen.

20 J is selected from hydrogen, alkyl, aryl, heterocyclic and polycyclic groups. Preferably, J is a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group. Preferably, J is a substituted or unsubstituted C₁₋₆ alkyl group, preferably a benzyl or methyl group.

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X³ is a C₁₋₆ alkyl group. X³ may be a C₁₋₆ substituted or unsubstituted, branched or unbranched, methylene chain. Preferably, X³ is a group CR¹R² where R¹ and R² are independently selected from hydrogen, alkyl and aryl groups.

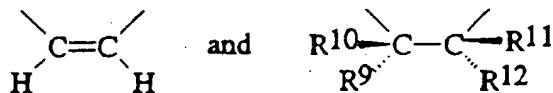
30 Preferably, at least one of R¹ and R² is hydrogen. It will be appreciated that if R¹ and R² are different, the carbon atom to which they are bonded is an asymmetric centre. The stereochemistry at this site may be R or S or mixed. When one of R¹ and R² is hydrogen, the stereochemistry is 35 preferably S.

Q is selected from O, NR⁶, S, CR⁶R⁷, CR⁶W³ and CW³W⁴, where R⁶ and R⁷ are independently selected from hydrogen, alkyl and aryl groups; and W² and W³ are heteroatoms such as halogen

atoms, preferably fluorine. Preferably, Q is O, S, CH₂, or CF₂. Most preferably, Q is oxygen.

T¹ and T² are independently selected from hydrogen and CH₂R⁸
 5 where R⁸ is selected from H, OH and F; or T² and T² are linked together and together are selected from the groups:-

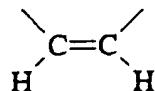
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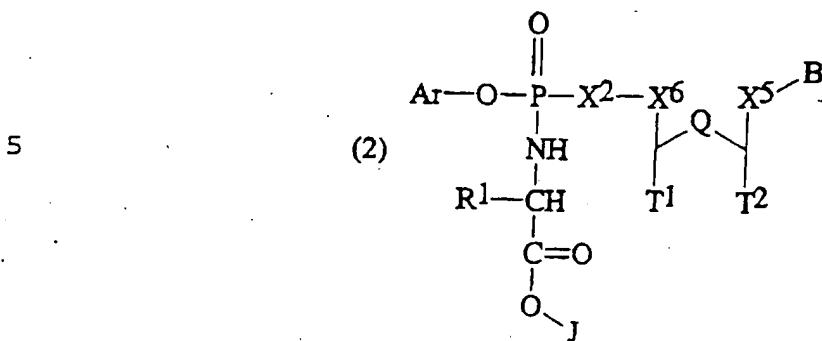
where R⁹ is selected from H, halogen, CN, NH₂, CO-alkyl, and alkyl, preferably R⁹ is H or F; and R¹⁰, R¹¹, and R¹² are independently selected from H, N₃, halogen, CN, NH₂, CO-alkyl, and alkyl, preferably R¹⁰, R¹¹ and R¹² are independently selected from H, F and N₃. It will be appreciated that R⁹ corresponds to the 3' - α position and R¹⁰ corresponds to the 3' - β position. Preferably, T¹ and T² are linked together and together form the group:-

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B comprises a purine or pyrimidine base, such as adenine thymine, uracil, cytosine or guanine and derivatives thereof. Derivatives thereof include substituted purine or pyrimidine bases wherein the substituents are as defined above. Examples of substituted bases include 5-substituted pyrimidine. Preferably, B is adenine or thymine.

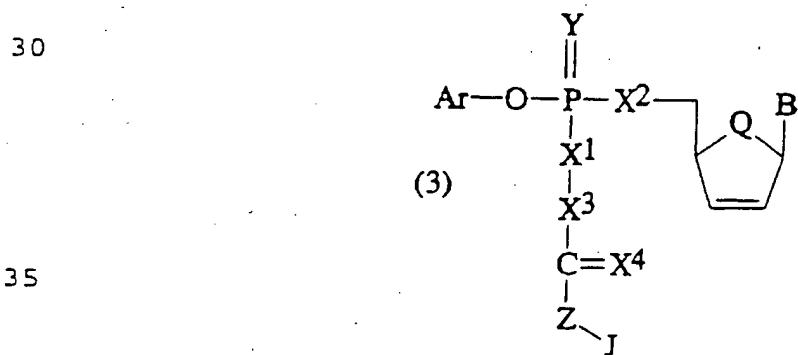
Preferably, the present invention provides a compound of formula (2)



10 wherein Ar, R¹, J, X², X⁵, X⁶, Q, T¹, T² and B are as defined above; or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative or metabolite thereof.

It will be appreciated that the group -NH-CHR¹-CO₂J corresponds to a carboxy-protected α-amino acid. Preferably, the group R¹ corresponds to the side chain of a naturally occurring amino acid such as Alanine, Arginine, Asparagine, Aspartic Acid, Cysteine, Cystine, Glycine, Glutamic Acid, Glutamine, Histidine, Isoleucine, Leucine, Lysine, Methionine, Phenylalanine, Proline, Serine, Threonine, Tryptophan, Tyrosine, Valine. Preferably, R¹ is Me or PhCH₃, corresponding to the side chain of alanine or phenylalanine, respectively. Preferably, the stereochemistry at the asymmetric centre -CHR¹- corresponds to an L-amino acid.

According to one preferred embodiment, the present invention provides a compound of formula (3):-



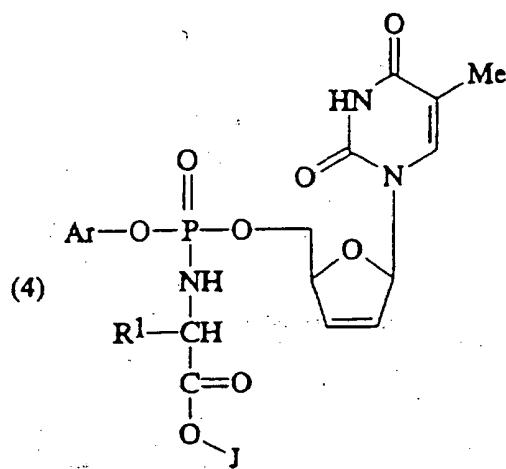
wherein Ar, Y, X¹, X², X³, X⁴, Z, Q and B are as defined
5 above.

More preferably, the invention provides a compound,
according to formula (3), of formula (4):-

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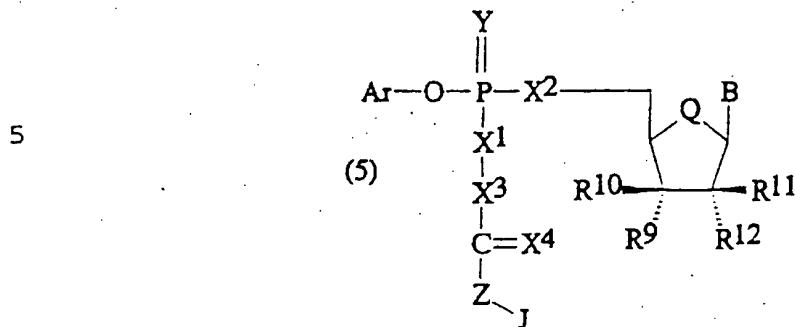


wherein Ar, R' and J are as defined above; or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative or metabolite thereof. Preferably, the invention provides a compound of
25 formula (4) in which Ar, R' and J are defined in accordance with Table 1.

Table 1

Compound Reference	Ar	R ¹	J
5 323	4-EtPh	Me	Me
324	Ph	Me	Me
327	4-FPh	Me	Me
526	3-CF ₃ Ph	Me	Me
546	3,5-Cl ₂ Ph	Me	Me
10 730	Ph	Me	Bzl
776	2,4-Br ₂ Ph	Me	Me
779	F ₅ Ph	Me	Me
862	Ph	Me	Hexyl
863	Ph	Bzl	Me
15 864	Ph	CH ₂ iPr	Me
865	Ph	iPr	Me
866	Ph	H	Me
867	Ph	[CH ₂] ₂ SMe	Me
868	2,4Br ₂ Ph	Me	Bzl
20 877	Ph	Bzl	Bzl
878	Ph	Bzl	tBu
892	Ph	Me	Cyclohexyl
893	Ph	Me	tBu
1078	Ph	CH ₂ CO ₂ H	Me
25 1214	Ph	CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ NHC(NH ₂)NH	Me
1218	Ph	Me	n-Pent
1219	Ph	Me	neo-Pent
1226	Ph	Me	1-Naphthyl
1227	Ph	Me	2-Naphthyl
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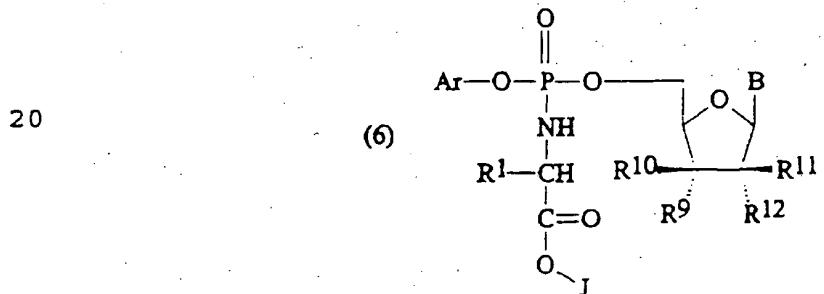
According to a further preferred embodiment, the present invention provides a compound of formula (5)



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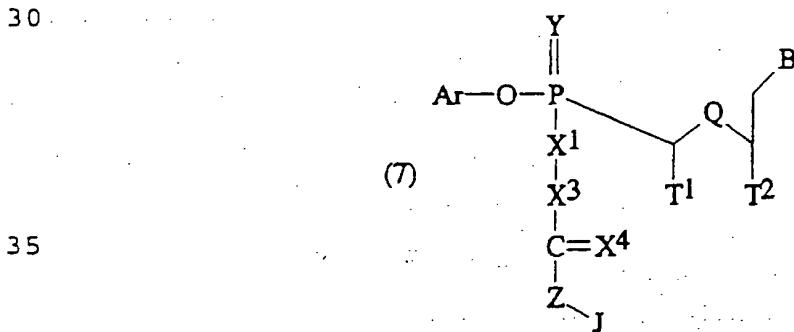
wherein Ar, Y, X¹, X², X³, X⁴, Z, J, R⁹, R¹⁰, R¹¹, R¹², Q and B as defined above.

More preferably, the invention provides a compound,
15 according to formula (5), of the formula (6):-



25 wherein Ar, R¹, J, R⁹, R¹⁰, R¹¹, R¹² and B are as defined above.

According to a further preferred embodiment, the present invention provides a compound of formula (7):-



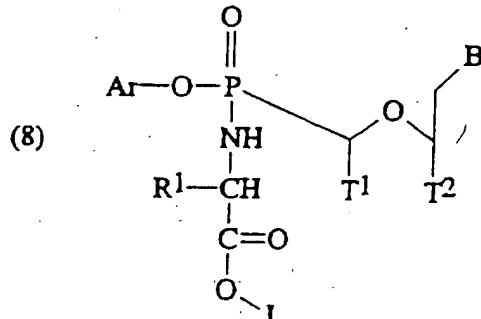
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wherein Ar, Y, X¹, X³, X⁴, Z, J, Q and B are as defined above and T¹ and T² are independently selected from H and CH₂R⁸ wherein R⁸ is as defined above. Preferably, B is a purine base. More preferably, B is adenine. Preferably, T¹ is hydrogen. Preferably, T² is CH₂R⁸. These compounds are analogues of the acyclic nucleoside analogue 9-(2-phosphonylmethoxyethyl) adenine (PMEA), which has been demonstrated to show activity against herpes viruses and retroviruses (Calio *et al.*, Antiviral Res., (1994), 23(1), 77-89; Balzarini *et al.*, AIDS, (1991), 5(1), 21-28).

More preferably, the invention provides a compound, according to formula (7), of formula (8):-

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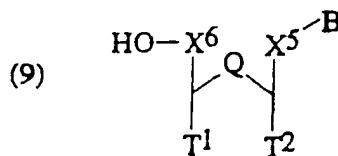


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wherein Ar, R¹, J, T¹, T² and B are as defined above.

It is a feature of the aryl ester phosphate compounds (1) of the present invention that they exhibit significantly enhanced anti-viral efficacy, in both *in vitro* and *in vivo* tests, in comparison to their corresponding nucleoside analogue (9)

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In addition, the compounds of the present invention exhibit significantly reduced toxicity in comparison to their 5 corresponding analogue (9).

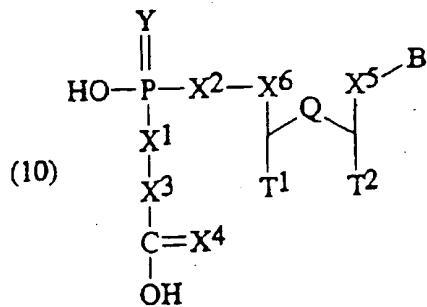
The compounds of the present invention thus exhibit a greatly enhanced selectivity index (ratio of CC₅₀ (toxicity):EC₅₀ (activity)) in comparison to their 10 corresponding nucleoside analogue.

Experiments with radiolabelled compounds of the present invention have shown that the compounds give enhanced intracellular levels of nucleoside 5'-triphosphate, the 15 enhancement being particularly significant in TK cells. Thus, the compounds of the present invention may act in part by the known metabolic pathway.

However, it has been found that the compounds of the present 20 invention show surprising activity against nucleoside resistant strains of HIV. This indicates that the compounds of the present invention are also acting by a pathway independent of a 5'-triphosphate metabolite.

25 It has been demonstrated that the compounds of the present invention lead to intracellular generation of high levels of a metabolite (10).

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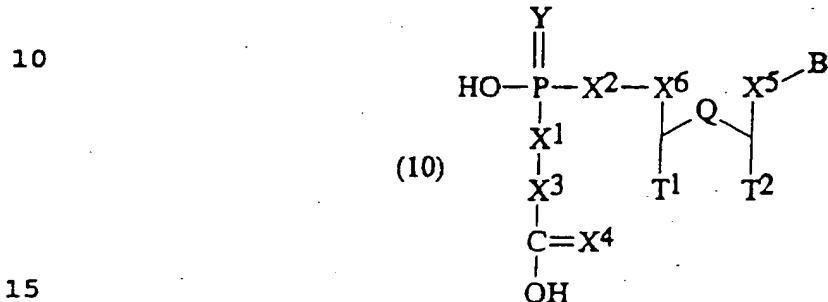


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Metabolite (10) may also be prepared by treatment of the corresponding compound according to formula (1) with hog

liver esterase. Moreover, it has been shown that compounds of formula (10) are direct inhibitors of reverse transcriptase from HIV.

5 According to a further aspect of the present invention there is provided a compound of formula (10)



wherein Ar, Y, X¹, X², X³, X⁴, X⁶, T¹, T², Q, X⁵ and B are as defined above, or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative or metabolite thereof.

20 The intracellular generation of anti-viral metabolites such as (10) is an important feature of the invention for several reasons. Firstly, the direct activity of (10) on RT removes the necessity for further nucleotide-kinase mediated phosphorylation, which may be slow in many cases. In cases where the nucleoside monophosphate is not a substrate for host nucleotide kinases, activation will be poor and anti-viral efficacy low, even if the triphosphate is an excellent RT inhibitor. In such cases, the generation of metabolites 25 such as (10) may lead to a very significant enhancement in antiviral action. Such compounds may be acting directly in their own right or via a rearrangement, decomposition or disproportionation product or via a contaminant. Moreover, the structure of metabolites such as (10) may be further 30 designed to optimise binding to the known structure of RT, and such modified metabolites could be delivered 35 intracellularly using technology herein described, to further enhance the anti-viral effect.

By "a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative" is meant any pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester or salt of such ester or any other compound which upon administration to a recipient is capable of providing (directly or indirectly) 5 a compound of formula (1) or (10). By "pharmaceutically acceptable metabolite" is meant a metabolite or residue of a compound of formula (1) or (10) which gives rise to a nucleoside-resistance independent or nucleoside 5'-triphosphate independent mode of reverse transcriptase 10 inhibition exhibited by the compounds of formula (1) or (10).

According to a further aspect of the present invention there is provided a compound according to the present invention 15 for use in a method of treatment, preferably in the prophylaxis or treatment of viral infection.

According to a further aspect of the present invention there is provided use of a compound according to the present 20 invention in the manufacture of a medicament for the prophylaxis or treatment of viral infection.

According to a further aspect of the present invention there is provided a method of prophylaxis or treatment of viral 25 infection comprising administration to a patient in need of such treatment an effective dose of a compound according to the present invention.

The viral infection may comprise any viral infection such as 30 HIV and herpes virus, including HSV 1 and HSV 2, CMV, VZV, EBV, HAV, HBV, HCV, HDV, papilloma, rabies and influenza.

Preferably, the viral infection comprises HIV infection, more preferably HIV-I or HIV-II. It is a feature of the 35 present invention that the compounds exhibit good activity against both HIV-I and HIV-II.

According to a further aspect of the present invention there is provided use of a compound of the present invention in

the manufacture of a medicament for use in the inhibition of a reverse transcriptase by a nucleoside-resistance independent or nucleoside 5'-triphosphate independent mode of action.

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According to a further aspect of the present invention there is provided a pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of the present invention in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

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According to a further aspect of the present invention there is provided a method of preparing a pharmaceutical composition comprising the step of continuing a compound of the present invention with a pharmaceutically acceptable 15 excipient.

The medicaments employed in the present invention can be administered by oral or parenteral routes, including intravenous, intramuscular, intraperitoneal, subcutaneous, 20 transdermal, airway (aerosol), rectal, vaginal and topical (including buccal and sublingual) administration.

For oral administration, the compounds of the invention will generally be provided in the form of tablets or capsules, as 25 a powder or granules, or as an aqueous solution or suspension.

Tablets for oral use may include the active ingredient mixed with pharmaceutically acceptable excipients such as inert 30 diluents, disintegrating agents, binding agents, lubricating agents, sweetening agents, flavouring agents, colouring agents and preservatives. Suitable inert diluents include sodium and calcium carbonate, sodium and calcium phosphate, and lactose, while corn starch and alginic acid are suitable 35 disintegrating agents. Binding agents may include starch and gelatin, while the lubricating agent, if present, will generally be magnesium stearate, stearic acid or talc. If desired, the tablets may be coated with a material such as glyceryl monostearate or glyceryl distearate, to delay

absorption in the gastrointestinal tract.

Capsules for oral use include hard gelatin capsules in which the active ingredient is mixed with a solid diluent, and 5 soft gelatin capsules wherein the active ingredient is mixed with water or an oil such as peanut oil, liquid paraffin or olive oil.

Formulations for rectal administration may be presented as 10 a suppository with a suitable base comprising for example cocoa butter or a salicylate.

Formulations suitable for vaginal administration may be presented as pessaries, tampons, creams, gels, pastes, foams 15 or spray formulations containing in addition to the active ingredient such carriers as are known in the art to be appropriate.

For intramuscular, intraperitoneal, subcutaneous and 20 intravenous use, the compounds of the invention will generally be provided in sterile aqueous solutions or suspensions, buffered to an appropriate pH and isotonicity. Suitable aqueous vehicles include Ringer's solution and isotonic sodium chloride. Aqueous suspensions according to 25 the invention may include suspending agents such as cellulose derivatives, sodium alginate, polyvinyl-pyrrolidone and gum tragacanth, and a wetting agent such as lecithin. Suitable preservatives for aqueous suspensions include ethyl and n-propyl p-hydroxybenzoate.

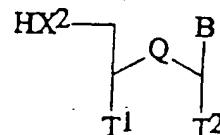
30 The compounds of the invention may also be presented as liposome formulations.

In general a suitable dose will be in the range of 0.1 to 35 300 mg per kilogram body weight of the recipient per day, preferably in the range of 6 to 150 mg per kilogram body weight per day and most preferably in the range 15 to 100 mg per kilogram body weight per day. The desired dose is preferably presented as two, three, four, five or six or

more sub-doses administered at appropriate intervals throughout the day. These sub-doses may be administered in unit dosage forms, for example, containing 10 to 1500 mg, preferably 20 to 1000 mg, and most preferably 50 to 700 mg
5 of active ingredient per unit dosage form.

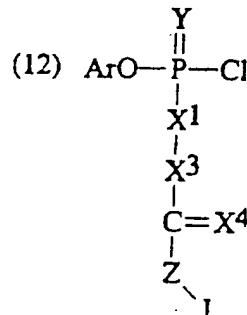
According to a further aspect of the present invention there is provided a process for the preparation of a compound according to the present invention, the process comprising
10 reaction of a compound of formula (11)

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with a compound of formula (12)

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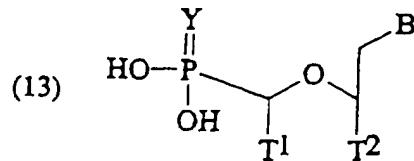
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The reaction may be carried out in the tetrahydrofuran in the presence of N-methylimidazole.

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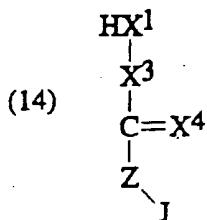
Alternatively, the compounds of the present invention may be prepared by reaction of a compound of formula (13) or a suitable derivative thereof

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with ArOH and a compound of formula (14) or suitable
5 derivatives thereof

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15 The invention will now be described with reference to the following Figures and Examples. It will be appreciated that what follows is by way of example only and that modifications to detail may be made whilst still falling within the scope of the invention.

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Figure 1 illustrates the in vivo antiviral activity of d4T (comparative) and aryl ester phosphoramidate compound 324 in MSV infected mice. Drug doses are 50[low] or 200[high] mg/kg/day given i.p. for 4 days starting 1 hour before MSV 25 inoculation.

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All experiments involving water sensitive compounds were conducted under scrupulously dry conditions. Tetrahydofuran was dried by heating under reflux over sodium and benzophenone followed by distillation and storage over active sieves. N-methylimidazole was purified by distillation. Nucleosides were dried at elevated temperature in vacuo over P₂O₅. Proton, carbon and phosphorus Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (¹H, ¹³C, ³¹P nmr) spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance DPX spectrometer

operating at 300 MHz, 75.5 MHz, and 121.5 MHz respectively. All nmr spectra were recorded in CDCl₃, at room temperature (20°C +/-3°C). ¹H and ¹³C chemical shifts are quoted in parts per million downfield from tetramethylsilane. ⁵J values refer to coupling constants and signal splitting patterns are described as singlet (s), broad singlet (bs), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q), multiplet (m) or combinations thereof. ³¹P chemical shifts are quoted in parts per million relative to an external phosphoric acid standard. Many NMR peaks were further split due to the presence of diastereoisomers at the [chiral] phosphate centre. Chromatography refers to flash column chromatography and was carried out using Merck silica gel 60H (40-60 m, 230-400 mesh) as stationary phase. Thin layer chromatography was performed using Alugram SIL G/UV₂₅₄ aluminium backed silica gel plates.

Mass spectra were recorded by the fast atom bombardment (FAB) mode on a VG 70--250 spectrometer. HPLC data was recorded using an ACS quaternary system with an ODS5 column and an eluent of water/acetonitrile, with 82% water 0-10 min, and then a linear gradient to 20% water at 30 min, with a flow rate of 2mL/min and detection by UV at 265 nm.

The test compounds were isolated as mixtures of diastereoisomers, with this isomerism arising from mixed stereochemistry at the phosphate centre. The resulting oils did not give useful microanalytical data but were found to be pure by high-field multinuclear NMR spectroscopy and rigorous HPLC analysis.

Preparation of Compounds

The compounds of the present invention were prepared according to the following general procedures.

Preparation of aryl phosphorodichloridates (general procedure)

A solution of the appropriate phenol (30.4 mmol) and

triethylamine (4.25ml, 30.5 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (25ml) was added to a solution of freshly distilled POCl₃ (10ml, 107mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (30ml) at -50° and the mixture allowed to stir at ambient temperature overnight. The reaction mixture 5 was filtered and the filtrate evaporated. Ether (20ml) was added and precipitate filtered again. After evaporation the residue was distilled if possible.

Phenyl N-methylalaninyl phosphorochloridate

10 A solution of triethylamine (1ml-7.17mmol) in 15ml of dry CH₂Cl₂ was added dropwise to a mixture of phenyl phosphorodichloridate (757.4mg, 3.59mmol) and L-alanine methyl ester hydrochloride (500mg, 3.58mmol) in 50ml of dry CH₂Cl₂ at -80°C in one hour. The mixture was then stirred 15 vigorously at -50°C during five hours and CH₂Cl₂ evaporated. 25 ml of dry ether was added and precipitate filtered off under nitrogen. Evaporation of ether gave a colourless oil which was used without further purification for the next step.

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Preparation of aryl phosphates of nucleoside analogues
(general procedure)

Phenyl N-methylalaninyl phosphorochloridate (250 mg, 0.9 mmol, 2.0equivs) was added to a stirred solution of 25 nucleoside analogue (0.45mmol) and N-methyl imidazole (0.37ml, 143.5μl, 1.8 mmol, 4equivs) in THF (2ml). After 4 hours, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The gum was dissolved in chloroform (10ml), and washed with 1M HCl (8ml), sodium bicarbonate (10ml) and water (15ml). The 30 organic phase was dried, and the solvent removed in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica with elution by chloroform-methanol (97:3). Pooling and evaporation of the eluent gave the product as a white solid.

35 Spectral data

323 - 2',3'-dideoxy-2',3'-didehydrothymidine
5'-(p-ethylphenyl methoxy alaninyl) phosphoramidate

Yield = 79%

³¹P (CDCl₃) : 3.43 ppm

¹H (CDCl₃) : 9.25 (0.5H, s, B, NH), 9.23 (0.5H, s, A, NH), 7.34 (0.5H, s, H-6, B), 7.33 (0.5H, s, H-6, A), 7.14 - 7.00 (5H, m, Ph, H-1'), 6.28 (1H, m, H-3'), 5.88 (1H, m, H-2'), 5.00 (1H, m, H-4'), 4.38 - 4.25 (2H, m, H-5'), 3.93 (2H, m, ala-NH, ala-CH), 3.70 (1.5H, s, OMe, A), 3.67 (1.5H, s, OMe, B), 2.60 (2H, q, CH₂CH₃, J=7.5 Hz), 1.84 (1.5H, d, 5-CH₃, J=1.2 Hz), 1.80 (1.5H, d, 5-CH₃, J=1.2 Hz), 1.31 (3H, m, CH₂CH₃), 1.19 (3H, m, ala-CH₃).

10 ¹³C (CDCl₃) : 174.25 (ala-CO, A), 174.12 (ala-CO, B), 164.22 (C-4, B), 164.17 (C-4, A), 151.15 (C-2, B), 151.12 (C-2, A), 148.29 (i-Ph, B), 148.16 (i-Ph, A), 141.24 (p-Ph, A), 141.19 (p-Ph, B), 136.06 (C-6, B), 135.76 (C-6, A), 133.50 (C-3', A), 133.15 (C-3', B), 129.11 (o-Ph, A), 129.05 (o-Ph, B), 15 127.54 (C-2', A), 127.36 (C-2', B), 120.08 (d, m-Ph, B, J=3.9 Hz), 119.90 (d, m-Ph, A, J=4.9 Hz), 111.51 (C-5, A), 111.40 (C-5, B), 89.83 (C-1', B), 89.60 (C-1', A), 84.88 (d, C-4', B, J=8.8 Hz), 84.70 (d, C-4', A, J=8.8 Hz), 67.11 (d, C-5', A, J=4.9 Hz), 66.48 (d, C-5', B, J=4.9 Hz), 52.65 20 (OMe), 50.26 (ala-CH, B), 50.13 (ala-CH, A), 28.19 (Ph-CH₂), 20.97 (d, ala-CH₃, B, J=4.9 Hz), 20.90 (d, ala-CH₃, A, J=4.9 Hz), 15.69 (Ph-CH₂CH₃), 12.45 (5-CH₃, A), 12.41 (5-CH₃, B).

MS : C₂₂H₂₉N₃O₈P : 494 (MH⁺, 5), 368 (MH⁺-thymine, 25), 228 (15), 81 (C₅H₅O, base peak) Accurate mass : expected 25 494.1692; found 494.1693

HPLC : RT = 27.23 and 27.48 min

324 - 2',3'-dideoxy-2',3'-didehydrothymidine 5'-(phenyl

30 N-methoxy alaninyl) phosphoramidate

Yield = 88%

³¹P (CDCl₃) : 3.20 and 3.86 ppm

¹H (CDCl₃) : 1.32 and 1.34 (d, 3H, J=6.8Hz, CH, ala); 1.81

and 1.84 (d, 3H, 5CH₃); 3.69 and 3.70 (s, 3H, OMe);

35 3.84-4.00 (m, 2H, CH ala + NH ala); 4.32 (m, 2H, H5'); 5.02

(m, 1H, H4'); 5.88 (m, 1H, H2'); 6.33 (m, 1H, H3'); 7.03 (m,

1H, H1'); 7.15-7.35 (m, 6H, Ar + H6); 9.22 and 9.26 (bs, 1H,

NH)

¹³C (CDCl₃) : 12.52 (5CH₃); 21.02 (CH₃ ala); 50.22-50.35 (CH

ala); 52.74 (OMe); 66.62-67.29 (C5'); 84.80-84.88 (C4'); 89.69-89.93 (C1'); 111.44-111.57 (C5); 120.13-120.31 (Ar ortho); 125.30 (Ar para); 127.49-127.65 (C2'); 129.87-129.93 (Ar meta); 133.19-133.50 (C3'); 135.77-136.06 (C6); 150.51 (Ar ipso); 151.16 (C2); 164.14 (C4); 174.12 (CO ala)
 5 MS : 466 (MH^{+o} , 7); 340 (MH^{+o} -base); 200 (17); 136 (47); 89 (25); 81 (C_5H_5O , base peak)
 HPLC : RT = 22.48 and 22.87 min

10 327 - 2',3'-dideoxy-2',3'-didehydrothymidine
5'-(p-fluorophenyl methoxy alaninyl) phosphoramidate

Yield = 89%

³¹P (CDCl₃) : 3.16 ppm

¹H (CDCl₃) : 9.75 (1H, s, NH), 7.24 (0.5H, d, H-6, B, J=1.2 Hz), 7.17 (0.5H, d, H-6, A, J=1.2 Hz), 7.09 (5H, m, Ph, H-1'), 6.22 (1H, m, H-3'), 5.82 (1H, m, H-2'), 4.94 (1H, m, H-4'), 4.30-3.84 (4H, m, ala-NH, ala-CH, H-5'), 3.63 (1.5H, s, OMe, A), 3.62 (1.5H, s, OMe, B), 1.77 (1.5H, d, 5-CH₃, B, J=1.0 Hz), 1.74 (1.5H, d, 5-CH₃, A, J=1.0 Hz), 1.29 (1.5H, d, ala-CH₃, B, J=7.0 Hz), 1.23 (1.5H, d, ala-CH₃, A, J=7.0 Hz).

¹³C (CDCl₃) : 174.19 (d, ala-CO, B, J=6.8 Hz), 174.00 (d, ala-CO, A, J=6.8 Hz), 164.25 (C-4, B), 164.20 (C-4, A), 159.77 (d, p-Ph, J=243.6 Hz), 151.14 (C-2), 146.25 (i-Ph), 135.99 (C-6, A), 135.70 (C-6, B), 133.40 (C-3', A), 133.05 (C-3', B), 127.61 (C-2', B), 127.45 (C-2', A), 121.70 (m, o-Ph), 116.37 (d, m-Ph, A, J=23.5 Hz), 116.34 (d, m-Ph, B, J=23.5 Hz), 111.45 (C-5, A), 111.32 (C-5, B), 89.87 (C-1', A), 89.63 (C-1', B), 84.66 (d, C-4', J=5.9 Hz), 67.29 (d, C-5', A, J=4.9 Hz), 66.10 (d, C-5', B, J=4.9 Hz), 52.70 (OMe), 50.26 (ala-CH, A), 50.13 (ala-CH, B), 20.92 (d, ala-CH₃, A, J=4.8 Hz), 20.88 (d, ala-CH₃, B, J=4.8 Hz), 12.45 (5-CH₃, B), 12.41 (5-CH₃, A).

MS : C₂₀H₂₄N₃O₈PF : 484 (MH^{+} , 11), 358 (MH^{+} -thymine, 20), 218 (13), 154 (32), 136 (28), 81 (C_5H_5O , base peak). Accurate mass : expected 484.1285; found 484.1318

HPLC : RT = 25.17 and 25.40 min

526 - 2',3'-dideoxy-2',3'-didehydrothymidine

5'-(m-trifluoromethylphenyl methoxy alaninyl) phosphoramidate

Yield = 80%

³¹P (CDCl₃) : 2.49 and 3.16 ppm¹H (CDCl₃) : 9.06 (1H, s, NH), 7.45 (5H, m, H-6, Ph), 7.03

5 (1H, m, H-1'), 6.31 (1H, m, H-3'), 5.92 (1H, m, H-2'), 5.03
 (1H, m, H-4'), 4.32 (2H, m, H-5'), 3.97 (2H, m, ala-NH,
 ala-CH), 3.71 (1.5H, s, OMe, B), 3.70 (1.5H, s, OMe, A),
 1.86 (1.5H, s, 5-CH₃, B), 1.80 (1.5H, d, 5-CH₃, A), 1.36 (3H,
 m, ala-CH₃).

10 ¹³C (CDCl₃) : 174.06 (d, ala-CO, A, J=6.8 Hz), 173.89 (d,
 ala-CO, B, J=6.8 Hz), 163.91 (C-4, A), 163.86 (C-4, B),
 150.96 (C-2), 150.71 (d, a-Ph, J=5.9 Hz), 135.86 (C-6, A),
 135.66 (C-6, B), 133.30 (C-3', A), 133.02 (C-3', B), 132.00
 (q, c-Ph, J=32.0 Hz), 130.66 (e-Ph), 127.84 (C-2', B),

15 127.74 (C-2', A), 123.98 (f-Ph, A), 123.84 (q, CF₃, J=272.0
 Hz), 123.79 (f-Ph, B), 122.14 (d-Ph), 117.54 (d, b-Ph, J=3.9
 Hz), 111.61 (C-5, B), 111.44 (C-5, A), 90.04 (C-1', B),
 89.77 (C-1', A), 84.61 (d, C-4', J=7.8 Hz), 67.60 (d, C-5',
 B, J=4.9 Hz), 66.89 (d, C-5', A, J=4.9 Hz), 52.87 (OMe),
 20 50.32 (d, ala-CH, A, J=4.8 Hz), 50.26 (d, ala-CH, B, J=4.8
 Hz), 21.11 (d, ala-CH₃, B, J=4.9 Hz), 20.99 (d, ala-CH₃, A,
 J=4.9 Hz), 12.55 (5-CH₃, B), 12.47 (5-CH₃, A).

MS : C₂₁H₂₄N₃O₈PF₃ : 534 (MH⁺, 6), 408 (MH⁺-thymine, 8), 268
 (10), 149 (10), 81 (C₃H₅O, base peak). Accurate mass :

25 expected 534.1253; found 534.1201

HPLC : RT = 30.56 min

546 - 2',3'-dideoxy-2',3'-didehydrothymidine30 5'-(3,5-dichlorophenyl methoxy alaninyl) phosphoramidate

Yield = 70%

³¹P (CDCl₃) : 2.83 and 3.42 ppm¹H (CDCl₃) : 9.74 (1H, s, NH), 7.40 (1H, s, H-6), 7.29 (3H,

m, Ph), 7.14 (1H, m, H-1'), 6.44 (1H, m, H-3'), 6.04 (1H, m,

35 H-2'), 5.14 (1H, m, H-4'), 4.48 - 4.07 (5H, m, ala-NH,
 ala-CH, H-5'), 3.84 (3H, s, OMe), 1.97 (1.5H, s, 5-CH₃, A),
 1.92 (1.5H, s, 5-CH₃, B), 1.48 (3H, m, ala-CH₃).

¹³C (CDCl₃) : 173.93 (ala-CO), 164.09 (C-4), 151.27 (i-Ph),

151.06 (C-2), 136.01 (m-Ph), 135.60 (C-6), 133.14 (C-3', B),

132.89 (C-3', A), 127.83 (C-2'), 125.69 (p-Ph), 119.40
 (o-Ph), 111.54 (C-5, A), 111.40 (C-5, B), 90.03 (C-1', A),
 89.74 (C-1', B), 84.60 (C-4'), 67.68 (C-5', A), 66.98
 (C-5', B), 52.85 (OMe), 50.26 (ala-CH), 20.93 (ala-CH₃),

5 12.51 (5-CH₃).

MS : C₂₀H₂₃N₃O₈PCl₂ : 534 (MH⁺, 8), 408 (MH⁺-thymine, 12), 391
 (10), 149 (12), 127 (thymineH⁺, 12), 81 (C₅H₅O, base peak).

Accurate mass : expected 534.0600; found 534.0589

HPLC : RT = 32.19 min

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730 - 2',3'-dideoxy-2',3'-didehydrothymidine-5'-(phenyl
 N-benzyl oxy alaninyl) phosphoramidate

Yield = 92%

³¹P (CDCl₃) : 3.40 and 4.04 ppm

15 ¹H (CDCl₃) : 1.24 and 1.26 (d, 3H, J=6.8Hz, CH, ala); 1.70
 and 1.74 (s, 3H, 5CH₃); 3.86-4.28 (m, 4H, H5'+CH ala+NH);
 4.85 (m, 1H, H4'); 5.04 and 5.06 (s, 2H, CH₂Ph); 5.74 (d,
 1H, H2'); 6.16 (dd, 1H, H3'); 6.90 (m, 1H, H1'); 7.00-7.30
 (m, 11H, Ar + H6); 9.61 (d, 1H, NH)

20 ¹³C (CDCl₃) : 12.52 (5CH₃); 20.98 (CH₃ ala); 50.36-50.52 (CH
 ala); 66.70-67.18 (C5'); 67.46 (CH₂Ph); 84.63-84.76-84.88
 (C4'); 89.68-89.88 (C1'); 111.44-111.55 (C5);
 120.18-120.25-120.36-120.43 (Ar ortho, OPh); 125.31 (Ar
 para, OPh); 127.48-127.61 (C2'); 128.45-128.79-128.83 (Ar,
 CH₂Ph); 129.87-129.93 (Ar meta, OPh); 133.16-133.45 (C3');
 135.35 (Ar1, CH₂Ph); 135.79-136.07 (C6); 150.44 (Ar1, OPh);
 151.18 (C2); 164.21-164.28 (C4); 173.42-173.51-173.65 (CO
 ala)

HPLC : RT = 34.96 and 35.07 min

30 **MS :** C₂₆H₂₈O₈N₃P : 542(MH⁺; 17); 416 (MH⁺base; 40); 81(100).

Accurate mass : expected 542.1716; found 542.1712

776 - 2',3'-dideoxy-2',3'-didehydrothymidine-5'-
 (2,4-dibromophenyl N-methylalaninyl) phosphoramidate

35 Yield = 88%

³¹P (CDCl₃) : 3.07 and 3.62 ppm

¹H (CDCl₃) : 1.26 and 1.28 (d, 3H, J=6.8Hz, CH₃ ala); 1.75
 and 1.80 (s, 3H, 5CH₃); 2.11 (s, 1H, NH); 3.64 (s, 3H, OMe);
 3.92-4.30 (m, 3H, H5'+CHala); 4.98 (m, 1H, H4'); 5.87 (m,

1H, H2'); 6.26 (m, 1H, H3'); 6.96 (m, 1H, H1'); 7.30-7.60
(m, 4H, Ar + H6); 9.41(bs, 1H, NH)

¹³C (CDCl₃) : 12.51 (5CH₃); 21.00 (CH₃, ala); 50.24 (CHala);
52.80 (OMe); 67.37-67.83 (C5'); 84.49-84.61 (C4');

5 89.80-89.92 (C1'); 111.60 (C5); 115.49 (Ar2); 118.26 (Ar4);
122.61-122.89 (Ar6); 127.70 (C2'); 131.86 (Ar5);
133.06-133.21 (C3'); 135.64 (Ar3); 135.75-135.88 (C6);
147.01 (Ar1); 151.07 (C2); 164.03 (C4); 173.71-173.82
(COala)

10 HPLC : RT = 41.17 and 41.30 min

MS : C₂₀H₂₂O₈N₃PBr₂ : 622, 624, 626 (MH⁺; 3, 6, 3); 496, 498, 500
(MH⁺base; 5, 9, 5); 81 (100). Accurate mass : expected
621.9516; found 621.9507

15 779 - 2',3'-dideoxy-2',3'-didehydrothymidine-5'-(2,3,4,5,6-
pentafluorophenyl-N-methylalaninyl)phosphoramidate

Yield = 76%

³¹P (CDCl₃) : 4.74 and 5.66 ppm

1H (CDCl₃) : 1.34 and 1.36 (d, 3H, J=6.7Hz, CH₃, ala); 1.75
20 and 1.81 (s, 3H, 5CH₃); 3.69 (s, 3H, OMe); 3.92-4.40 (m, 4H,
H5'+CH ala+NH); 4.97 (m, 1H, H4'); 5.85 (m, 1H, H2'); 6.29
(m, 1H, H3'); 6.93 (m, 1H, H1'); 7.19 (m, 1H, H6); 9.38 (bs,
1H, NH)

¹³C (CDCl₃) : 12.23-12.43 (5CH₃); 20.83 (CH₃, ala); 50.22-50.34

25 (CH ala); 52.99 (OMe); 67.75-68.37 (C5'); 84.42-84.52 (C4');
89.87-90.17 (C1'); 111.75 (C5); 127.69-127.93 (C2');
132.86-133.13 (C3'); 132-143 (m, Ar); 135.74-135.96 (C6);
151.11 (C2); 164.15 (C4); 173.64-173.76 (COala)

30 Mass (NOBA matrix) : C₂₀H₁₉O₈N₃PF₅ : 556 (MH⁺, 31); 578 (M⁺Na,
100)

HPLC : RT = 35.90 min

862 - 2',3'-dideoxy-2',3'-didehydrothymidine 5'-(phenyl

N-hexyloxy alaninyl) phosphoramidate

Yield = 88%

³¹P (CDCl₃) : 3.99 and 4.60 ppm

¹H (CDCl₃) : 0.94 (m, 3H, CH₂CH₂); 1.28-1.41 (m, 9H, CH₃, ala
+ 3xCH₂); 1.65 (m, 2H, CO₂CH₂CH₂); 1.90 and 1.93 (s, 3H,

5CH₃); 4.00-4.20 (m, 4H, CH ala + NH ala + CO₂CH₂); 4.37 (m, 2H, H5'); 5.05 (m, 1H, H4'); 5.94 (m, 1H, H2'); 6.38 (m, 1H, H3'); 7.10 (m, 1H, H1'); 7.15-7.36 (m, 6H, Ar + H6); 9.48 and 9.51 (s, 1H, NH)

5 ¹³C (CDCl₃) : 12.76 (5CH₃); 14.39 (CH₃CH₂); 21.45 (CH, ala); 22.88, 25.82, 28.82 and 31.72 (CH₂); 50.63 (CH ala); 66.26 (OCH₂); 66.89-67.43 (C5'); 85.03 (C4'); 89.97 (C1'); 111.68-111.83 (C5); 120.55 (Ar ortho); 125.57 (Ar para); 127.86 (C2'); 130.15 (Ar meta); 133.47-133.70 (C3'); 10 136.03-136.31 (C6); 150.72 (Ar ipso); 151.37-151.39 (C2); 164.35-164.42 (C4); 174.02 (CO ala)
Mass (NOBA matrix) : C₂₅H₃₄O₈N₃P : 536 (MH⁺, 24); 558 (M⁺Na, 37)

15 863 - 2',3'-dideoxy-2',3'-didehydrothymidine-5'-(phenyl N-methoxy-phenylalaninyl) phosphoramidate

Yield = 89%

³¹P (CDCl₃) : 3.96 and 4.35 ppm
¹H (CDCl₃) : 1.89 (s, 3H, 5CH₃); 3.00 (m, 2H, CH₂Ph); 3.74 (s, 3H, OMe); 3.80-4.28 (m, 4H, CH ala + NH ala + H5'); 4.94 (m, 1H, H4'); 5.91 (m, 1H, H2'); 6.21-6.30 (m, 1H, H3'); 7.04-7.32 (m, 12H, Ar + H1' + H6); 9.35 (s, 1H, NH)
¹³C (CDCl₃) : 12.54 (5CH₃); 40.55 (CH₂Ph); 52.63 (OMe); 55.72-56.01 (CH ala); 66.50-67.10 (C5'); 84.78 (C4'); 25 89.71-89.95 (C1'); 111.53-111.64 (C5); 120.28 (Ar ortho, OPh); 125.40 (Ar para, OPh); 127.52 (C2'); 128.86, 129.65 and 129.98 (Ar, CH₂Ph); 129.86-129.92 (Ar meta, OPh); 133.18-133.50 (C3'); 135.72 (Ar ipso, CH₂Ph); 135.79-136.06 (C6); 150.46 (Ar ipso, OPh); 151.13-151.17 (C2); 30 164.12-164.18 (C4); 173.00 (CO ala)
Mass (NOBA matrix) : C₂₆H₂₈O₈N₃P : 542 (MH⁺, 77); 564 (M⁺Na, 29)

864 - 2',3'-dideoxy-2',3'-didehydrothymidine-5'-(phenyl N-methoxy-leucinyl) phosphoramidate

Yield = 87%

³¹P (CDCl₃) : 4.18 and 4.83 ppm
¹H (CDCl₃) : 0.91 (m, 6H, (CH₃)₂CH); 1.42-1.70 (m, 3H, CH₂CH(CH₃)₂); 1.91 and 1.93 (s, 3H, 5CH₃); 3.73 (s, 3H, OMe);

3.76-3.98 (m, 2H, CH ala + NH ala); 4.28-4.46 (m, 2H, H5');
 5.08 (m, 1H, H4'); 5.96 (m, 1H, H2'); 6.36 (m, 1H, H3');
 7.09 (m, 1H, H1'); 7.18-7.35 (m, 6H, Ar + H6); 9.35 (s, 1H,
 NH)

5. ^{13}C (CDCl_3) : 12.76 (5CH_3); 22.23-23.01 ($(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}$); 24.75
 $(\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2)$; 43.86-44.11 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$); 52.75 (OMe);
 53.42-53.60 (CH ala); 66.92-67.55 (C5'); 85.62 (C4');
 89.92-90.19 (C1'); 111.69-111.83 (C5); 120.37-120.62 (Ar
 ortho); 125.55-125.58 (Ar para); 127.79 (C2'); 130.12 (Ar
 meta); 133.51-133.70 (C3'); 136.00-136.36 (C6); 151.05 (Ar
 ipso); 151.38 (C2); 164.39-164.50 (C4); 174.55-174.88 (CO
 ala)

Mass (NOBA matrix) : $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_8\text{N}_3\text{P}$: 508 ($\text{MH}^+, 62$); 530 ($\text{M}^+\text{Na}, 59$)

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865 - 2',3'-dideoxy-2',3'-didehydrothymidine-5'-(phenyl N-methoxyvalinyl) phosphoramidate

Yield = 86%

^{31}P (CDCl_3) : 4.85 and 5.40 ppm

20. ^1H (CDCl_3) : 0.92 (m, 6H, $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}$); 1.82 (m, 3H, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$);
 1.89 and 1.91 (s, 3H, 5CH_3); 3.76 (s, 3H, OMe); 3.82 (m, 2H,
 CH ala + NH ala); 4.30-4.48 (m, 2H, H5'); 5.07 (m, 1H, H4');
 5.96 (m, 1H, H2'); 6.38 (m, 1H, H3'); 7.10 (m, 1H, H1');
 7.18-7.35 (m, 6H, Ar + H6); 9.31 (s, 1H, NH)

25. ^{13}C (CDCl_3) : 12.80 (5CH_3); 17.77-19.24 ($(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}$); 32.43-32.62
 $(\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2)$; 52.67 (OMe); 60.32-60.38 (CH ala); 66.92-67.65
(C5'); 85.04 (C4'); 89.98-90.24 (C1'); 111.76-111.87 (C5);
120.45-120.56 (Ar ortho); 125.54-125.59 (Ar para);
127.81-127.86 (C2'); 130.13-130.17 (Ar meta); 133.51-133.72
(C3'); 136.01-136.28 (C6); 150.83 (Ar ipso); 150.87-151.34
(C2); 164.30-164.37 (C4); 173.56-173.65 (CO ala)

Mass : $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_8\text{N}_3\text{P}$: 493.6 ($\text{MH}^+, 100$)

866 - 2',3'-dideoxy-2',3'-didehydrothymidine-5'-(phenyl N-methoxycarbonyl) phosphoramidate

Yield = 90%

^{31}P (CDCl_3) : 4.89 and 5.52 ppm

^1H (CDCl_3) : 1.79 and 1.83 (s, 3H, 5CH_3); 3.69 (s, 3H, OMe);
 3.70-4.05 (m, 4H, $\text{CH}_2\text{NH} + \text{CH ala} + \text{NH ala}$); 4.32 (m, 2H,

H5'); 4.99 (m, 1H, H4'); 5.92 (m, 1H, H2'); 6.38 (m, 1H, H3'); 6.98 (m, 1H, H1'); 7.05-7.38 (m, 6H, Ar + H6); 9.44 and 9.46 (s, 1H, NH)

¹³C (CDCl₃) : 12.75 (5CH₃); 43.15 (CH₂NH); 52.94 (OMe); 66.78 -67.52 (C5'); 84.98-85.10 (C4'); 89.68-90.16 (C1');

5 111.69-111.80 (C5); 120.46-120.59 (Ar ortho); 125.66 (Ar para); 127.66-127.91 (C2'); 130.22 (Ar meta); 133.48-133.87 (C3'); 136.11-136.40 (C6); 150.65 (Ar ipso); 151.45 (C2); 164.46 (C4); 171.41-171.51 (CO ala)

10 Mass (NOBA matrix) : C₁₉H₂₂O₈N₃P : 452 (MH⁺, 74); 474 (M⁺⁺Na, 46)

867 - 2',3'-dideoxy-2',3'-didehydrothymidine-5'-(phenyl N-methoxymethioninyl) phosphoramidate

15 Yield = 81%

³¹P (CDCl₃) : 4.09 and 4.86 ppm

¹H (CDCl₃) : 1.74 and 1.79 (s, 3H, CH₃S); 1.94 and 1.97 (s, 3H, 5CH₃); 1.80-2.40 (m, 5H, CHCH₂CH₂S); 3.72 and 3.74 (s, 3H, OMe); 3.98-4.32 (m, 4H, H5' + CH ala + NH ala); 4.96 (m, 1H, H4'); 5.84 (m, 1H, H2'); 6.26 (m, 1H, H3'); 6.96 (m, 1H, H1'); 7.05-7.25 (m, 6H, Ar + H6); 9.58 (bs, 1H, NH)

¹³C (CDCl₃) : 12.80 (5CH₃); 15.68 (CH₃S); 29.95 (CH₂SCH₃); 33.73-33.85 (CH₂CH₂S); 53.06 (OMe); 53.81-54.07 (NHCH); 67.05-67.70 (C5'); 84.90-85.03 (C4'); 89.98-90.23 (C1');

20 111.66-111.86 (C5); 120.39-120.66 (Ar ortho); 125.63 (Ar para); 127.81-127.91 (C2'); 130.18 (Ar meta); 133.44-133.69 (C3'); 136.00-136.38 (C6); 150.72-150.80 (Ar ipso); 151.41 (C2); 164.52 (C4); 173.61-173.94 (CO ala)

30 Mass (NOBA matrix) : C₂₂H₂₈O₈N₃PS : 526 (MH⁺⁺, 46); 548 (M⁺⁺6Na, 21)

868 - 2',3'-dideoxy-2',3'-didehydrothymidine-5'-(2,4-dibromophenyl N-benzylalaninyl) phosphoramidate

35 Yield = 82%

³¹P (CDCl₃) : 3.68 and 4.18 ppm

¹H (CDCl₃) : 1.40 and 1.42 (d, 3H, J=6.7Hz, CH₃ ala); 1.90 and 1.92 (s, 3H, 5CH₃); 4.04-4.40 (m, 4H, H5'+CHala + NH ala); 4.98 (m, 1H, H4'); 5.20 (s, 2H, CH₂Ph); 5.91 (m, 1H,

H_{2'}); 6.27 and 6.35 (m, 1H, H_{3'}); 7.06 (bs, 1H, H_{1'}); 7.30-7.70 (m, 9H, Ar + H₆); 9.52 (s, 1H, NH)

¹³C (CDCl₃) : 12.86 (5CH₃); 21.35 (CH₃, ala); 50.68-50.76 (CH_{ala}); 67.67-68.03 (C5'); 67.88 (CH₂Ph); 84.85 (C4');

5 90.10-90.20 (C1'); 111.88-111.92 (C5); 115.76-115.91 (Ar2); 118.62-118.72 (Ar4); 122.91-123.22 (Ar6); 127.98 (C2');

128.75-129.01-129.12 (Ar o,m,p, CH₂Ph); 132.20 (Ar5); 133.38-133.51 (C3'); 135.48 (Ar ipso, CH₂Ph); 135.96 (Ar3); 136.21 (C6); 147.28 (Ar1); 151.39 (C2); 164.34-164.38 (C4);

10 173.47-173.62 (COala)

Mass (NOBA matrix) : C₂₆H₂₆O₈N₃PBr₂ : 699-700-701 (MH⁺, 27-49-29); 721-722-723 (M⁺Na, 17-21-17)

877 - 2',3'-dideoxy-2',3'-didehydrothymidine-5'-(phenyl N-methoxyglycanyl) phosphoramidate

Yield = 83%

³¹P (CDCl₃) : 3.91 and 4.33 ppm

¹H (CDCl₃) : 1.83 and 1.85 (s, 3H, 5CH₃); 3.01 (m, 2H, CHCH₂Ph); 3.78-4.30 (m, 4H, H_{5'} + NHCH); 4.92 (m, 1H, H_{4'});

20 5.89 (m, 1H, H_{2'}); 6.18 and 6.27 (m, 1H, H_{3'}); 7.00-7.40 (m, 17H, Ar + H_{1'} + H₆); 9.35 (bs, 1H, NH)

¹³C (CDCl₃) : 12.62-12.75 (5CH₃); 40.65-40.73 (CH_{CH₂Ph}); 55.95-56.26 (NHCH); 66.79 -67.27 (C5'); 67.80 (CH₂Ph); 84.87-85.05 (C4'); 89.92-90.14 (C1'); 111.72-111.82 (C5);

25 120.45-120.52 (Ar ortho, OPh); 125.60 (Ar para, OPh); 127.73 (C2'); 129.01- 129.07-129.11-129.91- 130.15-130.38- 135.29-135.85 (Ar, 2xCH₂Ph); 130.21 (Ar meta, OPh); 133.36-133.63 (C3'); 136.24 (C6); 150.68-150.77 (Ar ipso, OPh); 151.31-151.35 (C2); 164.28-164.34 (C4); 172.48-172.64

30 (CO ala)

Mass (NOBA matrix) : C₃₂H₃₂O₈N₃P : 618 (MH⁺, 78); 640 (M⁺Na, 52)

878 - 2',3'-dideoxy-2',3'-didehydrothymidine-5'-(phenyl N-tert-butylphenylalaninyl) phosphoramidate

Yield = 79%

³¹P (CDCl₃) : 4.27 and 4.50 ppm

¹H (CDCl₃) : 1.40 and 1.41 (s, 9H, tBu); 1.84 and 1.87 (s, 3H, 5CH₃); 3.00 (m, 2H, CH₂Ph); 3.76-4.28 (m, 4H, H_{5'} +

HNCH) ; 4.95 (m, 1H, H_{4'}) ; 5.86 and 5.91 (m, 1H, H_{2'}) ; 6.26 and 6.30 (m, 1H, H_{3'}) ; 7.04 (m, 1H, H_{1'}) ; 7.12-7.25 (m, 11H, Ar + H₆) ; 9.38 and 9.40 (bs, 1H, NH)

¹³C (CDCl₃) : 12.76-12.79 (5CH₃) ; 28.31 ((CH₃)₂C) ; 40.96-41.04 (CH₂Ph) ; 56.31-56.65 (NHCH) ; 66.79 -67.28 (C_{5'}) ; 82.90-82.92 ((CH₃)₂C) ; 84.94-85.03 (C_{4'}) ; 89.93-90.11 (C_{1'}) ; 111.67-111.86 (C₅) ; 120.45 (Ar ortho, OPh) ; 125.52 (Ar para, OPh) ; 127.77 (C_{2'}) ; 127.88-128.83-128.92-136.02 (Ar, CH₂Ph) ; 130.13 (Ar meta, OPh) ; 133.54-133.60 (C_{3'}) ; 136.31 (C₆) ; 150.75-150.84 (Ar ipso, OPh) ; 151.36 (C₂) ; 164.32-164.37 (C₄) ; 171.89 (CO ala)

Mass (NOBA matrix) : C₂₉H₃₄O₈N₃P : 584 (MH⁺, 26) ; 606 (M⁺⁺Na, 41)

15 892 - 2',3'-dideoxy-2',3'-didehydrothymidine 5'-(phenyl N-cyclohexyloxy alaninyl) phosphoramidate

Yield = 83%

³¹P (CDCl₃) : 4.11 and 4.71 ppm.

¹H (CDCl₃) : 1.08-1.82 (m, 16H, CH, ala + 5CH₃ + cyclohexyl) ; 3.79-4.14 (m, 2H, CH ala + NH ala) ; 4.27 (m, 2H, H_{5'}) ; 4.69 (m, CH cyclohexyl) ; 4.96 (m, 1H, H_{4'}) ; 5.80 (m, 1H, H_{2'}) ; 6.24 (m, 1H, H_{3'}) ; 6.98 (m, 1H, H_{1'}) ; 7.04-7.32 (m, 6H, Ar + H₆) ; 9.66 and 9.82 (bs, 1H, NH).

¹³C (CDCl₃) : 12.58 (5CH₃) ; 21.18-21.32 (CH, ala) ; 23.73-25.40-31.49-31.58 (CH, cyclohexyl) ; 50.47-50.61 (CH ala) ; 66.69-67.24 (C_{5'}) ; 74.36 (CH cyclohexyl) ; 84.87 (C_{4'}) ; 89.72-89.92 (C_{1'}) ; 111.48-111.63 (C₅) ; 120.26-120.49 (Ar ortho) ; 125.32-125.37 (Ar para) ; 127.59-127.73 (C_{2'}) ; 129.91-129.98 (Ar meta) ; 133.30-133.51 (C_{3'}) ; 135.89-136.16 (C₆) ; 150.53 (Ar ipso) ; 150.67 -151.31(C₂) ; 164.36-164.41 (C₄) ; 173.23 (CO ala).

Mass (NOBA matrix) : C₂₅H₃₂O₈N₃P : 534 (MH⁺, 56) ; 556 (M⁺⁺Na, 42)

35 893 - 2',3'-dideoxy-2',3'-didehydrothymidine 5'-(phenyl N-tButyloxy alaninyl) phosphoramidate

Yield = 79%

³¹P (CDCl₃) : 4.17 and 4.67 ppm.

¹H (CDCl₃) : 1.34 (m, 3H, CH, ala) ; 1.46 (m, 9H, CH, tBu) ;

1.87 (d, 3H, 5CH₃); 3.82-4.06 (m, 2H, H5'); 4.29-4.49 (m, 2H, CH ala + NH ala); 5.05 (m, 1H, H4'); 5.91 (m, 1H, H2'); 6.35 (m, 1H, H3'); 7.06 (m, 1H, H1'); 7.15-7.40 (m, 6H, Ar +H6); 9.60 (bs, 1H, NH).

5 ¹³C (CDCl₃) : 12.54 (5CH₃); 21.19-21.35 (CH₃ ala); 28.07 (C(CH₃)₃); 50.80-50.89 (CH ala); 66.60-67.18 (C5'); 82.41-82.45 (C(Me)₃); 84.82 (C4'); 89.67-89.87 (C1'); 111.44-111.60 (C5); 120.22-120.41 (Ar ortho); 125.28-125.31 (Ar para); 127.54-127.65 (C2'); 129.88-129.94 (Ar meta);
 10 133.33-133.47 (C3'); 135.84-136.10 (C6); 150.51 (Ar ipso); 150.65-151.20 (C4); 164.19 -164.23 (C2); 172.78-172.93 (CO ala).

Mass (NOBA matrix) : C₂₃H₃₀O₈N₃P : 508 (MH⁺, 82); 530 (M⁺⁺Na, 48).

15 2', 3'-Dideoxy-2', 3'-didhydrothymidine-5'-(phenyl methoxy-β-alaniny1) phosphate

Cf 1197

Yield=64%

³¹P (CDCl₃): 6.44, 6.70 (1:3)

20 1H (CDCl₃): 1.87' (s, 3H, 5-CH₃), 2.42(t, 2H, CH₂ ala), 3.22' (m, 2H, CH₂ ala), 3.62 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.09 (m, 1H, H4'), 4.18-4.39 (m, 2H, H5'), 4.97 (bs, 1H, NH ala), 5.88' (m, 1H, H2'), 6.32' (m, 1H, H3'), 6.99 (m, 1H, H1'), 7.08-7.38 (m, 5H, Ph and H6), 10.01 (bs, 1H, base NH)
 25 ¹³C (CDCl₃): 14.52 (5-CH₃), 37.80' (CH₂ ala), 39.28' (CH₂ ala), 53.91' (OCH₃), 68.57' (d, J = 3.92 Hz, C5'), 86.90' (d, J = 8.38 Hz, C4'), 91.68' (C1'), 113.40' (C5), 122.34 (d, J = 4.68 Hz, ortho-Ph), 127.23 (C2'), 129.55' (para-Ph), 131.81' (meta-Ph), 135.45' (C6), 137.99' (C3'), 152.60' (d, J = 5.96 Hz, ipso-Ph), 153.44 (C2), 166.58 (C4), 174.55' (COO)

Mass (NOBA matrix): C₂₀H₂₄N₃O₈P 126 (thymine⁺, 5), 127 (thymineH⁺, 4), 242 (C₁₀H₁₃PO₄N⁺, 9), 243 (C₁₀H₁₄PO₄N⁺, 3), 465 (M⁺, 4), 466 (MH⁺, 8), 467 (MHNa⁺, 20), 168 (MHNa⁺, ¹³O, 5), 187 (MNa⁺, 3), 188 (MHNa⁺, 97), 189 (MHNa⁺, ¹³C, 21)

35 High Resolution MS: found 466.1379 (MH⁺), C₂₀H₂₅N₃O₈P requires 466.1379

HPLC: RT = 22.81, 23.27 mins (1:1)

2', 3'-Dideoxy-2', 3'-didehydrothymidine-5'-(phenylmethoxy-
α-aminobutylryl) phosphate

Cf 1198

Yield = 65%

5 ^{31}P (CDCl_3): 6.11, 6.66 (1:2)

^1H (CDCl_3): 1.78 (m, 2H, CH_2 GABA), 1.85° (s, 3H, 5- CH_3), 2.35 (t, 2H, J = 6.95 Hz, CH_2 GABA), 2.97° (m, 2H, CH_2 GABA), 3.68 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 3.93° (m, 1H, H4'), 4.28° (m, 1H, H5'), 4.35° (m, 1H, H5'), 5.02 (bs, 1H, NH GABA), 5.82° (m, 1H, H2'), 10 6.31 (m, 1H, H3'), 6.98 (m, 1H, H1'), 7.11-7.37 (m, 6H, Ph and H6), 9.91 (bs, 1H, base NH)

^{13}C (CDCl_3): 12.64 (5- CH_3), 26.72° (CH_2 GABA), 32.25° (CH_2 GABA), 40.98° (CH_2 GABA), 51.94 (OCH_3), 66.93° (C5'), 85.11 (d, J = 8.30 Hz, C4'), 111.40 (C5), 120.46° (d, J = 4.83 Hz, ortho-15 PH), 125.24 (C2'), 127.59° (para-Ph), 129.88° (meta-Ph), 133.68° (C6), 136.28° (C3'), 150.86° (d, J = 6.45 Hz, ipso-Ph), 151.61 (C2), 164.80 (C4), 173.86° (COO)

Mass (matrix NOBA): $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_3\text{O}_8\text{P}$: 127 (thymine H^+ , 28), 479 (M^+ , 3), 480 (MH^+ , 59), 481 (MH^+ , ^{13}C , 17), 501 (MNa^+ , 3), 502 20 503 (MNa^+ , ^{13}C , 16)

High Resolution MS: found 480.1486 (MH^+), $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_3\text{O}_8\text{P}$ requires 480.1536

HPLC: RT 23.90, 24.33 mins (1:1)

2', 3'-Dideoxy-2', 3'-didehydrothymidine-5'-(phenylmethoxy-

2-aminoisobutylryl) phosphate

Cf 1200

Yield = 36%

^{31}P (CDCl_3): 2.38, 3.05 (3:1)

^1H (CDCl_3): 1.53° (s, 6H, CMe_2), 1.91° (s, 3H, 5- CH_3), 3.71 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 4.31 (m, 2H, H5'), 4.23-4.41 (m, 3H, H4' and H5'), 5.03 (bs, 1H, P-NH) 5.89° (m, 1H, H2'), 6.28° (m, 1H, H3'), 6.99-7.31 (m, 7H, Ph, HO and H1'), 9.09 (bs, 1H, base NH)

^{13}C (CDCl_3): 14.27 (5- CH_3), 28.74° (CMe_2), 54.81° (OCH_3), 58.88° (CMe₂), 69.03° (d, C', J = 5.58 Hz), 86.57° (d, J = 7.88 Hz, C4'), 91.51° (C1'), 113.24° (C5), 122.01° (d, J = 4.95 Hz, ortho-Ph), 126.88 (C2'), 129.25° (para-Ph), 131.57° (meta-Ph), 135.19° (C6), 137.68° (C3'), 152.52° (d, J = 3.09 Hz, ortho-Ph), 153.05 (C2), 166.12 (C4), 177.69° (COO)

MS (matrix NOBA): 354 ((MH - thymine)⁺, base peak), 479 (M⁺, 3), 480 (MH⁺, 64), 481 (MH⁺, ¹³C, 17), 482 (MH⁺, 2 X ¹³C, 3), 502 (MNa⁺, 92), 503 (MHN₂⁺, 24)

High Resolution MS: found 480.1503 (MH⁺), C₂₁H₂₇N₃O₈P requires
5 480.1536

HPLC: RT 24.79, 25.29 mins (1:1)

2', 3'-Dideoxy-2', 3'-didehydrothymidine-5'-(phenylmethoxy-6-aminocaproyl) phosphate

10 Cf 1199

Yield = 80%

³¹P (CDCl₃): 6.90, 6.30 (1:1)

15 ¹H (CDCl₃): 1.28 (s, 2H, CH₂ caproyl), 1.45 (m, 2H, CH₂ caproyl), 1.58 (m, 2H, CH₂ caproyl), 1.82 (s, 3H, 5-CH₃), 2.28 (m, 2H, CH₂ caproyl), 2.87 (m, 2H, CH₂ caproyl), 3.65 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.81 (m, 1H, H4'), 4.25 (m, 2H, H5'), 4.95 (bs, 1H, NH caproyl), 5.86 (m, 1H, H2'), 6.31 (m, 1H, H3'), 6.98 (m, 1H H1'), 7.04-7.38 (m, 6H, Ph and H6), 10.12 (bs, 1H, base NH)

20 ¹³C (CDCl₃): 13.47 (5-CH₃), 25.43 (CH₂ caproyl), 27.04 (CH₂ caproyl), 32.15 (CH₂ caproyl), 34.85 (CH₂ caproyl), 42.30 (CH₂ caproyl), 52.61 (OCH₃), 67.92 (C5'), 85.80 (d, J = 8.22 Hz), 90.68 (C4'), 112.25 (C5), 121.17 (d, J = 4.58 Hz, ortho-Ph), 125.99 (C2'), 128.40 (para-Ph), 130.77 (meta-Ph), 134.38 (C6), 137.09 (C3'), 151.69 (d, J = 3.23 Hz, ortho-Ph), 152.26 (C2'), 165.36 (C4'), 175.07 (COO)

25 MS (matrix Cl): 127 (thymineH⁺, 42), 508 (MH⁺, 18), 509 (MH⁺, ¹³C, 5)

High Resolution MS: found 508.1850 (MH⁺), C₂₃H₃₁N₃O₈P requires

30 508.1849

HPLC: RT 26.33 mins

2', 3'-Dideoxy-2', 3'-didehydrothymidine-5'-(β-alaninyl) phosphate ammonium salt

35 Cf1216

Yield = 62%

³¹P (D₂O): 8.84

¹H (D₂O): 1.73 (3H, s, 5-CH₃), 2.18 (2H, m, ala CH₂), 2.65 (m, 2H, ala CH₂), 3.79 (2m, H, H5'), 4.95 (m, 1H, H4'), 5.76 (m,

1H, H2'), 6.35 (m, 1H, H3'), 6.82 (m, 1H, H1'), 7.47 (s, 1H, H6)

¹³C (D₂O): 11.81 (5-CH₃), 38.51 (ala CH₂), 39.45 (d, ala CH₂, J = 6.64 Hz), 65.41 (d, C5', J = 4.91 Hz), 86.40 (d, J = 9.20 Hz, C4'), 90.20 (C1'), 111.07 (C5), 125.40 (C2'), 134.66 (C3'), 138.54 (C6), 152.53 (C2), 167.00 (C4), 181.04 (COO)

HPLC: RT = 32.74 mins.

10 2', 3'-Dideoxy-2', 3'-didehydrothymidine-5'-(γ -aminobutylryl) phosphate ammonium salt

Cf 1224

Yield = 54%

³¹P (D₂O): 10.03

15 ¹H (D₂O): 1.47 (m, 2H, GABA CH₂), 1.72 (s, 3H, 5-CH₃), 1.98 (m, 2H, GABA CH₂), 2.48 (m, 2H, GABA CH₂), 3.72 (m, 2H, H5'), 4.91 (m, 1H, H4'), 5.72 (m, 1H, H2'), 6.26 (m, 1H, H3'), 6.72 (m, 1H, H1'), 7.45 (s, 1H, H6').

¹³C (D₂O): 11.79 (5-CH₃), 27.99 (d, J = 7.25 Hz, GABA CH₂), 34.47 (GABA CH₂), 41.17 (GABA CH₂), 65.35 (d, J = 4.68 Hz, C5'), 86.38 (d, J = 9.36 Hz, C4'), 90.27 (C1'), 111.47 (C5'), 125.29 (C2'), 134.70 (C3'), 138.68 (C6), 152.47 (C2), 166.95 (C4), 182.32 (COO)

25 2', 3'-Dideoxy-2', 3'-didehydrothymidine-5'-(caproyl) phosphate ammonium salt Cf 1217

Yield = 49%

³¹P (D₂O): 10.18

1H (D₂O): 1.01 (m, 2H, caproyl CH₂), 1.21 (m, 2H, caproyl CH₂), 1.32 (m, 2H, caproyl CH₂), 1.78 (s, 3H, 5-CH₃), 2.05 (m, 2H, caproyl CH₂), 2.58 (m, 2H, caproyl CH₂), 3.78 (m, 2H, H5'), 4.99 (s, 1H, H4'), 6.32 (m, 1H, H3'), 6.82 (m, 1H, H2'), 7.51 (s, 1H, H6)

¹³C (D₂O): 11.84 (5-CH₃), 25.66 (caproyl CH₂), 26.46 (caproyl CH₂), 31.10 (d, J = 6.82 Hz, caproyl CH₂), 37.06 (caproyl CH₂), 41.47 (caproyl CH₂), 65.37 (d, J = 4.83 Hz, C5'), 86.45 (d, J = 9.74 Hz, C4'), 90.29 (C1'), 111.43 (C5), 125.27 (C2'), 134.80 (C3'), 138.89 (C6), 152.48 (C2), 166.94 (C4), 183.15 (COO).

2', 3'-dideoxycytidine-5'-(phenyl-N-methoxyalaninyl) phosphoramidate Cf 1221

Yield = 16.6%

³¹P (CDCl₃): 3.94, 4.00

5 ¹H (CDCl₃): 1.33, 1.35 (2 x d, 3H, CH, ala); 1.92, 1.96, 2.41 (1H, 2H, 1H, 3 x m, H2', H3'); 3.66 (s, 3H, OMe); 3.86-4.35 (m, 5H, H4', H5', CH ala, NH ala); 5.63 (2 x d, J = 7.4 Hz, H6), 6.02 (m, 1H, H-1'), 7.12-7.32 (m, 5H, Ar), 7.73 (1H, 2 x d,

10 J = 7.4 Hz, H5)

¹³C (CDCl₃): 20.98 (CH, ala); 24.97, 25.11, 32.85 (C2', C3'); 50.12, 50.30 (CH, ala); 52.55 (OMe); 67.19, 67.26, 67.50 (C5'); 79.16, 79.27, 79.34 (C4'); 87.29, 87.46 (C1'); 93.48 (C5); 119.99, 120.04, 120.10, 125.05, 125.10, 129.73, 129.77 (CAr); 141.17 (C6); 150.48, 150.57 (C ipso Ar); 155.68 (C2); 165.44 (C4); 173.84, 173.94 (COala)

Mass (ES⁺): C₁₉H₂₃N₄O₇P: 475 (MNa⁺, 100); HPLC: RT = 20.53, 21.22 min

20 2', 3'-dideoxy-2', 3'-didehydrothymidine 5'-
-(phenylmethoxysarcosinyl phosphate) Cf 1098

Yield = 65%

³¹P (CDCl₃): 6.80, 7.36 ppm

¹H (CDCl₃): 1.72 (s, 3H, 5CH₃); 2.64, 2.67 (s, 3H, NCH₃); 3.62 (s, 3H, OCH₃); 3.40-4.10 (m, 2H, CH₂); 4.20-4.50 (m, 2H, H5'); 4.97 (bs, 1H, H4'), 5.80-5.90 (m, 1H, H2'); 6.30-6.40 (m, 1H, H3'); 6.97 (bs, 1H, H1'); 7.00-7.30 (m, 6H, Ar + H6); 9.59 (bs, 1H, NH)

¹³C (CDCl₃): 12.35 (5CH₃); 34.55-34.60-34.65 (NCH₃); 50.67-
25 50.78-50.87 (CH₂); 52.10-52.13 (OCH₃); 62.27-66.77-66.82
(C5'); 84.71-84.84 (C4'); 89.52-89.82 (C1'); 111.16-111.33
(C5); 120-150 (m, Ar); 127.17-127.40 (C2'); 133.25-133.62
(C3'); 135.73-136.11 (C6); 150.85-150.90 (C2); 163.84-163.87
(C4); 170.57-170.60-170.84 (COOCH₃)

35 Mass : C₂₀H₂₄O₈N₃P : 488 ((M+Na)⁺, 100); 466 ((M+H)⁺, 5)

HPLC : RT = 25.17 and 25.59 min

2', 3'-dideoxy-2', 3'-didehydrothymidine 5'-
-(phenylethoxysarcosinyl phosphate) Cf 1133

Yield = 65%

³¹P (CDCl₃) : 0.87, 7.41 ppm

¹H (CDCl₃) : 1.18-1.24 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₃); 1.80 (s, 3H, 5CH₃); 2.68, 2.71 (s, 3H, NCH₃); 3.46-3.65 (m, 2H, NCH₂); 3.91-4.45

5 (m, 2H, H5'); 4.11, 4.13 (s, 3H, CH₂CH₃); 5.00 (bs, 1H, H4'); 5.82-5.88 (m, 1H, H2'); 6.33-6.37 (m, 1H, H3'); 7.00 (bs, 1H, H1'); 7.10-7.50 (m, 6H, Ar + H6); 8.75 (bs, 1H, NH)

¹³C (CDCl₃) : 12.86-12.89 (5CH₃); 14.69 (CH₂CH₃); 35.06-35.11 (NCH₃); 51.35-51.43-51.51 (NCH₂); 61.77 (CH₂CH₃); 66.77-67.27-

10 67.33 (C5'); 85.26-85.36 (C4'); 90.01-90.31 (C1'); 111.69-111.86 (C5); 120-151 (m, Ar); 127.73-127.96 (C2'); 133.73-134.10 (C3'); 136.27-136.64 (C6); 151.61 (C2); 164.70 (C4); 170.62-170.66-170.85 (COOCH₃)

Mass : C₂₁H₂₆O₈N₃P : 502 ((M+ Na)⁺, 100); 480 ((M+H)⁺, 5)

15 HPLC : RT = 25.84 and 26.65 min

2', 3'-dideoxy-2', 3'-didehydrothymidine 5'-(methioninyl phosphate) Cf 1156

Yield = 52%

20 ³¹P (CDCl₃) : 7.77 ppm

¹H (CDCl₃) : 1.75-1.85 (m, 2H, CH₂S); 1.90 (s, 3H, SCH₃); 2.01, 2.10 (s, 3H, 5CH₃); 2.30-2.50 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₂S); 3.45-3.60 (m, 1H CHNH); 3.94 (s, 2H, H5'); 5.05 (bs, 1H, H4'); 5.90-6.00 (m, 1H, H2'); 6.40-6.50 (m, 1H, H3'); 6.93 (bs, 1H, H1'); 7.68 (s, 1H, H6)

¹³C (CDCl₃) : 11.91 (5CH₃); 14.46 (SCH₃); 29.58 (CH₂SCH₂CH₂); 34.69 (SCH₂CH₂); 56.42 (CHNH); 65.07-65.13 (C5'); 86.39-86.52 (C4'); 90.14 (C1'); 111.70 (C5); 125.48 (C2'); 134.77 (C3'); 138.91 (C6); 152.61 (C2); 167.18 (C4); 180.84 (COOH)

30 Mass : C₁₅H₂₂O₈N₃PS : 434 ((M-1), 100); 435 ((M), 15)

HPLC: RT = 31.38 min

2', 3'-dideoxy-2', 3'-didehydrothymidine 5'-(glycanyl phosphate) Cf 1163

35 Yield = 75%

³¹P (CDCl₃) : 11.72 ppm

¹H (CDCl₃) : 1.83 (s, 3H, 5CH₃); 3.29 (d, CH₂, J = 7.9Hz); 3.85-3.92 (m, 2H, H5'); 5.00 (s, 1H, H4'); 5.85-5.88 (m, 1H, H2'); 6.38-6.41 (m, 1H, H3'), 6.88-6.90 (bs, 1H H1'); 7.54

(s, 1H, H6)

¹³C (CDCl₃): 19.09 (5CH₃); 52.24 (CH₂); 72.74-72.81 (C5'); 93.61-93.73 (C4'); 97.57 (C1'); 119.08 (C5); 132.80 (C2'); 141.89 (C3'); 145.74 (C6); 159.87 (C2); 174.34 (C4); 186.03-

5 186.15 (COOH)

Mass : C₁₂H₁₆O₈N₃P : 360 ((M-1), 100); 361 ((M), 15)

HPLC : RT = 32.57 min

2', 3'-dideoxy-2', 3'-didehydrothymidino 5'

10 -(phenylmethoxyisoleucinyl phosphate) Cf 1186

Yield = 82%

³¹P (CDCl₃) : 4.59, 5.16 ppm

¹H (CDCl₃) : 0.91-0.99 (m, 6H, CH₃ + CH₂); 1.09-1.26 (CH₂CH₃); 1.28-1.56 (m, 2H, CH₂); 1.92, 1.97 (s, 3H, 5CH₃); 3.60-3.77

15 (m, 1H, CH₂NH); 3.77 (s, 3H, OCH₃); 3.88-3.99 (m, 1H, NHCH); 4.30-4.52 (m, 2H, H5'); 5.11-5.13 (m, 1H, H4'); 5.95-6.00 (m, 1H, H2'); 6.35-6.45 (m, 1H, H3'); 7.10-7.13 (m, 1H, H1'); 7.16-7.45 (m, 6H, Ar + H6); 8.68 (bs, 1H, NH)

¹³C (CDCl₃): 11.90-11.92 (CH₂CH₃); 12.76-12.81 (5CH₃); 15.64

20 (CH₂CH₃); 25.06-25.14 (CH₂CH₂CH₃); 39.39-39.47-39.52-39.60 (CH₂); 52.61 (OCH₃); 59.38-59.54 (NHCH); 66.94-67.58-67.65 (C5'); 84.91-85.04-85.16 (C4'); 89.94-90.21 (C1'); 111.75-111.87 (C5'); 120-151 (m Ar); 127.82-127.87 (C2'); 133.49-133.69 (C3'); 135.99-136.28 (C6); 151.37 (C2); 164.40 (C4);

25 173.53-173.59-173.64 (COOCH₃)Mass: C₂₃H₃₀O₈N₃P : 529.91 ((M + Na)⁺, 100)

HPLC : RT = 30.52 and 31.14 min

2', 3'-dideoxy-2', 3'-didehydrothymidine 5'-(phenylalaninyl

30 phosphate) Cf 1187

Yield = 68%

³¹P (CDCl₃) : 7.58 ppm

¹H (CDCl₃) : 1.70 (s, 3H, 5CH₃); 2.64-2.80 (m, 2H, CH₂Ph);

35 3.57-3.64 (m, 1H, CH₂NH); 3.68-3.70 (m, 2H, H5'); 4.85 (s, 1H, H4'); 5.73-5.75 (m, 1H, H2'); 6.26-6.29 (m, 1H, H3'); 6.74-6.75 (m, 1H, H1'); 7.02-7.28 (m, 5H, CH₂Ph); 7.44 (s, 1H, H6)

¹³C (CDCl₃) : 11.88 (5CH₃); 40.92-40.97 (CH₂ ala); 58.27 (CH

ala); 65.22-65.28 (C5'); 86.36-86.49 (C4'); 90.22 (C1'); 111.63 (C5); 125.38 (C2'); 126-129 (m, Ar); 134.74 (C3'); 138.31-138.48 (C6); 152.40 (C2); 166.81 (C4); 180.87-180.96 (COOH)

5 Mass : C₁₉H₂₂O₈N₃P : 450 ((M-1), 100); 451 ((M, 20)

HPLC : RT = 32.11 min

2', 3'-dideoxy-2',3'-didehydrothymidine 5'-(valinyl phosphate) Cf 1190

10 Yield = 67%

³¹P (CDCl₃) : 8.35 ppm

¹H (CDCl₃) : 0.72 (t, 6H, (CH₃)₂CH, J = 7.3 Hz); 1.62-1.73 (m, 1H, (CH₃)₂CH); 1.77 (s, 3H, 5CH₃); 3.12 (dd, 1H, NHCH, J = 5.6 Hz and 9.4 Hz); 3.80 (dd, 2H, H5', J = 3.5 Hz and 4.4 Hz); 4.92 (s, 1H, H4'); 5.76-5.78 (m, 1H, H2'); 6.31-6.35 (m, 1H, H3'); 6.79-6.81 (m, 1H, H1'); 7.53 (s, 1H, H6)

¹³C (CDCl₃) : 11.84 (5CH₃); 17.95-18.84 ((CH₃)₂CH); 32.30-32.38 ((CH₃)₂CH); 62.43 (CHNH); 65.18-65.24 (C5'); 86.43-86.58 (C4'); 90.25 (C1'); 111.65 (C5); 125.20 (C2'); 134.90 (C3');

20 138.73 (C6); 152.52 (C2); 167.05 (C4); 181.27-181.31 (COOH)

Mass : C₁₅H₂₂O₈N₃P : 402 ((M-1), 100); 403 ((M), 30)

HPLC : RT = 31.90 min

2', 3'-dideoxy-2', 3'-didehydrothymidine 5'-(leucinyl

25 phosphate) Cf 1192

Yield = 83%

³¹P (CDCl₃) : 7.98 ppm

¹H (CDCl₃) : 0.71 (d, 6H, (CH₃)₂CH, J = 6.5 Hz); 1.22-1.34 (m, 2H, CH₂); 1.34-1.71 (m, 1H, (CH₃)₂CH); 1.80 (s, 3H, 5CH₃); 3.30-3.38 (m, 1H, CHNH); 3.82-3.85 (m, 2H, H5'); 4.95 (s, 1H, H4'); 5.80-5.82 (m, 1H, H2'); 6.35-6.37 (m, 1H, H3'); 6.81-6.82 (m, 1H, H1'); 7.58 (s, 1H, H6)

¹³C (CDCl₃) : 12.53 (5CH₃); 22.88-22.99 ((CH₃)₂CH); 25.28 (CH₂); 45.27-45.34 ((CH₃)₂CH); 56.38 (CHNH); 65.74-65.81

35 (C5'); 87.12-87.25 (C4'); 90.89 (C1'); 112.30 (C5); 125.99 (C2'); 135.49 (C3'); 139.44 (C6); 153.12 (C2); 167.70 (C4); 183.36-183.42 (COOH)

Mass : C₁₆H₂₄O₈N₃P : 416 ((M-1), 100); 417 ((M, 20)

HPLC : RT = 35.02 min

2', 3'-dideoxy-2', 3'-didehydrothymidine 5'-
 -(phenylmethoxyalaninyl phosphate) [fast diastereoisomer] Cf
 1193

³¹P (CDCl₃) : 4.51 ppm

5 ¹H (CDCl₃) : 1.25-1.40 (m, 3H, CHCH₃); 1.86-1.90 (m, 3H, 5CH₃); 3.74-3.90 (m, 4H, OCH₃ + CH ala); 4.37-4.47 (m, 2H, H5'); 5.08 (bs, 1H, H4'); 5.91-5.93 (m, 1H, H2'); 6.38-6.41 (m, 1H, H3'); 7.07-7.09 (m, 1H, H1'); 7.20-7.39 (m, 6H, Ar + H6); 9.04 (bs, 1H, NH)

10 ¹³C (CDCl₃) : 10.85 (5CH₃); 19.38-19.45 (CHCH₃); 48.71 (CHCH₃); 51.14 (OCH₃); 64.91-64.97 (C5'); 83.11-83.22 (C4'); 88.03 (C1'); 109.77 (C5); 118-149 (m, Ar); 125.84 (C2'); 131.88 (C3'); 134.44 (C6); 149.34 (C2); 162.35 (C4); 172.53-172.62 (CO ala)

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2', 3'-dideoxy-2', 3'-didehydrothymidine 5'-(phenylprolinyl phosphate) Cf 1194

Yield = 41%

³¹P (CDCl₃) : 5.27 ppm

20 ¹H (CDCl₃) : 1.55 (s, 3H, 5CH₃); 1.56-2.15 (m, 4H, CHCH₂CH₂); 3.10-3.30 (m, 2H, NCH₂); 3.90-4.00 (m, 1H, NCH); 4.20-4.50 (m, 2H, H5'); 5.11 (s, 1H, H4'); 5.89-5.91 (m, 1H, H2'); 6.41-6.44 (m, 1H, H3'); 6.76-6.78 (m, 1H, H1'); 6.99-7.40 (m, 6H, Ar + H6)

25 ¹³C (CDCl₃) : 11.84 (5CH₃); 25.44-25.56 (CH₂CH₂N); 31.94-32.06 (CH₂CHN); 47.40-47.46 (NCH₂); 63.31 (CHN); 67.14-67.21 (C5'); 85.56-85.68 (C4'); 90.69 (C1'); 111.00 (C5); 120-150 (m, Ar), 125.07 (C2'), 134.13 (C3'), 138.26 (C6), 152.67 (C2), 166.64 (C4), 181.32 (COOH)

30 Mass : C₂₁H₂₄O₆N₃P : 476 ((M-1), 100); 477 ((M), 25)
 HPLC : RT = 34.16 min

1001 2', 3'-dideoxy-2', 3' didehydroadenosine-5'-(phenyl methoxyalaninyl phosphoramidate):

35 Yield = 67%

¹H (dmso-d6) : 8.14 (1H, s, H8), 8.06 (1H, d, H2), 7.07-7.40 (7H, m, Phe-H & NH₂), 6.93 (1H, s, H1'), 6.47 (1H, 2d, H3'), 6.21 (1H, d, H3'), 5.96 (1H, m, NH), 5.11 (1H, m, H4'), 4.10 (2H, m, H5'), 3.5-4.83 (1H, 2m, CH ala), 3.52 (3H, d, MeO),

1.08 (3H, 2d, CH, ala).

³¹P (dmso-d6): 4.92, 4.78.

¹³C (dmso-d6): 172.909-172.815 (CO ala), 154.663 (C-2),
152.238 (C-6), 149.524-149.442 (Ar-ipso), 148.782 (C-4),
5 138.006-137.907 (C-8), 132.286-132.205 (C-2'), 128.621 (Ar-
meta), 125.384-125.210 (Ar para), 123.928 (C-3'), 119.067-
119.00 (Ar ortho), 118.508 (C-5), 87.311-87.060 (C-1'),
84.485-84.368 (C-4'), 66.093-65.324 (C-5'), 51.477-51.429
(OMe), 49.109-48.989 (C-H ala), 19.903-19.585 (CH, ala).

10 Mass. Calculated MH⁺: 475.149. Found: 475.151

1093 2', 3'-dideoxy adenosine 5'-(phenyl methoxyalaninyl) phosphoramidate

Yield = 42%

15 ¹H (CDCl₃) : 8.32 (1H, s, H-8), 8.12 & 8.11 (1H, 2s, H-2),
7.22 (5H, m, Ar), 6.40 (2H, 2bs, NH₂), 6.30 (1H, t, H-1',
J = 5.4 Hz), 4.42 (4H, m, N-H, 2H5' & H4'), 4.00 (1H, 2d,
Ala C-H), 3.65 (3H, 2s, OMe), 2.52 (2H, m, H3'), 2.13 (2H,
m, H2'), 1.31 (3H, 2d, CH, ala, J = 7.3 Hz).

20 ³¹P (CDCl₃) : 4.26, 4.19.

¹³C nmr (CDCl₃) : 174.534, 174.468, 174.441, 174.372 (O-C=O),
156.148 (C-2), 153.331 (C-6), 151.092 & 151.006 (2 Ar ipso),
149.674 & 149.599 (C-4), 139.211 & 139.103 (C-8), 130.040
(Ar meta), 125.325 (Ar para), 120.570 (C-5), 120.508 &
25 120.327 (Ar ortho), 85.994 & 85.746 (C-1'), 80.105, 79.985
& 79.874 (C-4'), 68.136, 68.067, 67.704 & 67.636 (C-5'),
52.868 (OMe), 50.628 & 50.531 (Ala C-H), 32.712 (C-2'),
26.339 & 26.106 (C-3'), 21.337, 21.264 & 21.190 (CH, ala).

Mass: Calculated MH⁺: 477.165. Found: 477.164.

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1094 2', 3'-dideoxy-2', 3' didehydroadenosine 5'-(phenyl benzylalaninyl) phosphoramidate:

Yield = 65%

¹H (CDCl₃): 8.32 (1H, bs, H-8), 7.99 (1H, bs, H-2), 7.21
35 (11H, m, Ar-H & H1'), 6.34 (1H, m, H3'), 6.07 (1H, m, H2'),
5.81 (2H, 2bs, NH₂), 5.08 (3H, 2bs, Bz-CH₂ & H4'), 4.05 (4H,
m, NH, CH, H5'), 1.24 (3H, 2d, methyl ala, J = 6.9 Hz).

³¹P (CDCl₃): 4.21, 3.98

¹³C (CDCl₃): 173.700 & 173.601 (O-C=O), 156.005 (C-2),

153.728 (C-6), 150.952 & 150.870 (Ar), 150.322 & 150.280 (C-4), 139.484 & 139.368 (C-8), 135.672 (Ar), 133.733 & 133.654 (C-2'), 130.066 (Ar), 129.041, 128.895, 128.635 & 128.601 (Ar), 126.751 & 126.598 (C-3'), 125.375 (Ar), 120.529, 5 120.463, 120.399, 120.119 & 120.051 (C-5 & Ar), 88.702 & 88.476 (C-1'), 85.907, 85.476, 85.791 & 85.736 (C-4'), 67.632, 67.475 & 67.403 (C-5' and Bz-CH₂), 66.805 & 66.745 (C-5'), 50.677 & 50.542 (Ala C-H), 21.399, 21.335, 21.083 & 21.019 (methyl Ala).

10 Mass: Calculated MH⁺: 551.181. Found: 551.179.

1168 2', 3'-dideoxy-2', 3'-didehydroadenosine 5'-alaninyl phosphoramidate

Yield = 69%

15 ¹H nmr (D₂O): 8.09 (1H, s, H8), 7.88 (1H, s, H2), 6.81 (1H, s, H1'), 6.33 (1H, d, H3'), 6.02 (1H, d, H3'), 5.01 (1H, m, H4'), 4.73 (2H, m, H5'), 3.5-4.83 (1H, 2m, CH ala), 0.89 (3H, 2d, CH₃ ala).
³¹P (D₂O): 8.34.
 20 ¹³C (D₂O): 183.055 (CO ala), 155.549 (C-2), 152.745 (C-6), 148.643 (C-3), 140.928 (C-8), 134.730 (C-2'), 124.709 (C-3'), 118.527 (C-5), 88.299 (C-1'), 87.199 & 87.073 (C-4'), 65.215-65.149 (C-5'), 52.564 (Ala C-H), 21.435-21.381 (Ala CH₃).

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1196 - 2', 3'-Dideoxy-2', 3'-didehydrothymidine-5'-(phenyl dimethoxy glutaminyl phosphoramidate

Yield 33%

³¹P (CDCl₃) 4.14, 4.76

30 ¹H (CDCl₃) 1.81, 1.85 (5CH₃); 1.91-2.18 (m, 2H, CH₂ Gln); 2.24-2.36 (m, 2H, CH₂ Gln); 3.64 (s, 3H, NMe); 3.69 (s, 3H, OMe); 3.92-4.21 (m, 2H, H5'); 4.23-4.42 (m, 2H, CH Gln, NH Gln); 5.00 (m, 1H, H4'); 5.91 (m, 1H, H2'); 6.31 (m, 1H, H3'); 7.01 (m, 1H, H1'), 7.03-7.34 (m, 6H, Ph, H6); 9.49 (s, 35 1H, NH)

¹³C (CDCl₃) 12.32-12.36 (5CH₃); 29.01-29.42 (CH₂ Gln); 29.46 (NMe); 51.81 (CH Gln); 52.65 (OMe); 53.65-53.92 (CH₂ Gln); 66.63-67.33 (C5'); 84.48-84.71 (C4'); 89.57-89.83 (C1'); 111.29-111.44 (C5); 119.98-120.22 (Ph); 125.21-125.26 (Ph);

127.39-127.50 (C2'); 129.74-129.78 (Ph); 133.00-133.25
 (C3'); 135.60-135.90 (C6); 150.98 (C2); 164.00-164.09
 (C4); 172.96-173.23 (CO, CON)
 Mass (ES) : C₂₂H₂₉N₄O₉P : 536 (M⁺, 100); 537 (MH⁺, 32)

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1214 - 2', 3'-Dideoxy-2', 3'-didehydrothymidine-5'-(phenyl dimethoxy asparaginyl) phosphoramidate

Yield 75%

³¹P (CDCl₃) 1.15, 2.20

10 ¹H (CDCl₃) 1.81, 1.86 (s, 3H, 5CH₃); 2.49-2.92 (m, 2H, CH₂ Asn); 3.64 (s, 3H, NMe); 3.72 (s, 3H, OMe); 4.04-4.26 (m, 2H, H5'); 4.28-4.43 (m, 2H, CH Asn, NH Asn); 5.05 (m, 1H, H4'); 5.89 (m, 1H, H2'); 6.31 (m, 1H, H3'); 7.01 (m, 1H, H1'); 7.14-7.33 (m, 6H, Ph, H6); 8.46 (s, 1H, NH)

15 ¹³C (CDCl₃) 12.28 (5CH₃); 51.01 (CH Asn); 52.09 (OMe); 52.94 (CH₂ Asn); 84.75 (C4'); 89.60 (C1'); 111.30 (C5); 125-130 (Ph); 127.32-127.48 (C2'); 133.10-133.41 (C3'); 135.94 (C6)

Mass (ES) : C₂₂H₂₇N₄O₉P : 522 (M⁺, 100); 523 (MH⁺, 31)

20 1215 - 2', 3'-Dideoxy-2', 3'-didehydrothymidine-5'-(phenyl methoxytryptophanyl) phosphoramidate

Yield 100%

³¹P (CDCl₃) 4.15, 4.57

10 ¹H (CDCl₃) 1.74 (s, 3H, 5CH₃); 3.16 (m, 2H, CH₂ Trp); 3.60 (s, 3H, OMe); 3.75-4.05 (m, 2H, H5'); 4.10-4.33 (m, 2H, CH Trp NH Trp); 4.84 (m, 1H, H4'); 5.79 (m, 1H, H2'); 6.15 (m, 1H, H3'); 6.86 (m, 1H, H1'); 6.91 (m, 1H, H6); 7.00-7.49 (m, 10H, Ar); 8.45 (s, 1H, NH Trp); 9.14 (s, 1H, NH)

15 ¹³C (CDCl₃) 14.75 (5CH₃); 32.46 (CH₂ Trp); 54.91 (CH Trp); 57.53-57.61 (OMe); 69 (C5'); 87.06 (C4'); 92.03-92.25 (C1'); 111.63 (C5); 127.60 (C2'); 135.45-135.83 (C3'); 138.11-138.62 (C6); 152.78-153.41 (C2); 166.28-166.40 (C4); 175.85 (CO)

Mass (ES) : C₂₈H₂₈N₄O₉P : 579 (M⁺, 100); 580 (M⁺, 43)

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462 3'-Deoxy-3'-β-azidothymidine 5'-(phenyl methoxylalaninyl) phosphoramidate

¹H (CDCl₃) : 1.39 (d, 3H, J = 7.2 Hz, CH, ala), 1.94 (s, 3H 5-

Me), 2.15 (d, 1H, J = 15.5 Hz, H2'), 2.68-2.79 (m, 1H, H2'), 3.72 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.90-4.50 (m, 6H, H3' + H4' + H5' + NH + CHala), 6.18 (dd, 1H, J = 7.5 and 3.1 Hz, H1'), 7.1-7.4 (m, 6H, Ph + H6), 8.82 (bs, 1H, NH).

5 ^{13}C (CDCl_3) : 12.67 (5-Me), 20.96, 21.29 (ala-Me), 38.50 (C2'), 50.16, 50.28 (CHala), 52.57 (OMeala), 60.74 (C3'), 64.43 (C5'), 80.17 (C4'), 83.93 (C1'), 111.21 (C5), 120.11 (Ar2), 125.18 (Ar4), 129.73 (Ar3), 135.18 (C6), 159.96 (Ar1), 150.30 (C4), 163.49 (C2), 173.84 (COala).

10 ^{31}P (CDCl_3) : 1.55

IR (CDCl_3): 3216, 2113, 1685 cm^{-1} .

Mass 509.1543 (MH^+ , 40%, calculated 509.1549), 340(12), 250(17), 200(18).

HPLC: RT = 28.48 min.

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536 3'-Deoxy-3' β -azidothymidine 5'-(*m*-trifluoromethylphenyl methoxylalaninyl) phosphoramidate

1 ^1H (CDCl_3): 1.39, 1.40 (d, 3H, J = 7.2 Hz, Me-ala), 1.92, 1.93 (s, 3H, 5-CH₃), 2.15 (d, 1H, J = 15.1 Hz, H2'), 2.71-20 2.80 (m, 1H, H2'), 3.70, 3.71 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.90-4.50 (m, 6H, H3' + H4' + H5' + NH + CHala), 6.19 (dd, 1H, J = 7.7 and 3.3 Hz, H1'), 7.41-7.46 (m, 5H, Ph + H6), 9.52 (bs, 1H, NH).

15 ^{13}C (CDCl_3): 12.58 (5-Me), 20.75, 20.83 (CH, ala), 38.33, 38.44 (C2'), 50.15, 50.29 (CHala), 52.55 (OMeala), 60.77 (C3'), 64.72 (C5'), 80.05, 80.35 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, C4'), 83.94 (C1'), 111.25 (C5), 117.43 (Ar2), 121.81, 121.86 (Ar4), 123.37 (q, J = 273 Hz, CF₃), 123.74 (Ar6), 130.35 (Ar5), 132.11 (q, J = 33 Hz, Ar3), 135.11 (C6), 150.49 (C4), 150.62 (Ar1), 163.78 (C2), 173.68, 173.87 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, COala).

30 ^{31}P : 2.69

Mass 577 (MH^+ , 40%) 340 (13), 268 (14), 250 (12).

HPLC: RT = 30.66 min.

550 3'-Deoxy-3' β -azidothymidine 5'-(3, 5-dichlorophenyl

35 methoxylalaninyl) phosphoramidate

1 ^1H (CDCl_3): 1.42 (d, 3H, J = 6.8 Hz, Me-ala), 1.94, 1.95 (d, 3H, J = 1.2 Hz, 5-CH₃), 2.17, 2.18 (d, 1H, J = 15.1 Hz, H2'), 2.76-2.85 (m, 1H, H2'), 3.74, 3.75 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.90-4.50 (m, 6H, H3' + H4' + H5' + NH + CHala), 6.20 (dd, 1H, J

= 7.7 and 3.3 Hz, H1'), 7.19 (m, 2H, Ar2), 7.27 (s, 1H, Ar4), 7.41, 7.42 (s, 1H, H6), 9.04 (bs, 1H, NH).

¹³C: 12.65 (5-Me), 20.85, 20.91 (CH₃, ala), 38.38, 38.48 (C2'), 50.18, 50.29 (CHala), 52.68 (OMeala), 60.77 (C3'), 64.86, 64.93 (C5'), 79.80, 80.20 (d, J = 8Hz, C4'), 83.97 (C1'), 111.35 (C5), 117.28, 119.38 (d, J = 6Hz, Ar2), 125.

5 58 (Ar4), 135.10 (C6), 135.46, 135.50 (Ar3), 145.35 (Ar1), 150.36 (C4), 163.61 (C2), 173.64, 173.79 (COala).

³¹P: 2.83

10 Mass 577, 579, 581 (MH⁺ 5:3:1:) 307, 309, 311 (12:8:2) 289 (10)

In vitro Testing

Cells were infected with HIV-1 as previously described
5 [Balzarini *et al.* AIDS (1991), 5, 21-28]. Briefly, 5×10^5 cells per milliliter were infected with HIV-1 or HIV-2 at 100 CCID₅₀ (50% cell culture infective dose) per milliliter of cell suspension. Then 100 μL of the infected cell suspension was transferred to microtiter plate wells
10 and mixed with 100 μL of the appropriate dilutions of the test compounds. After 4 days giant cell formation was recorded microscopically in the HIV-infected cell cultures [CEM], and after 5 days the number of viable cells was determined by trypan blue staining of the HIV-infected cell
15 cultures [MT4]. The 50% effective concentration (EC₅₀) and 50% cytoxic concentration (CC₅₀) were defined as the compound concentrations required to reduce by 50% the number of giant cells or viable cells in the virus-infected and mock-infected cell cultures, respectively.

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The anti-HIV-1 activities and toxicities of compounds were also assessed in two cell lines:

C8166 cells. Cells were grown in RPMI 1640 with 10% calf serum. 4×10^4 cells per microtiter plate well were mixed with 5-fold dilutions of compound prior to addition of 10 CCID₅₀ units of III-B strain of HIV-1 and incubated for 5-7 days (Betbeder *et al.* Antiviral Chem. Chemother. 1, 241-247, 1990). Formation of syncytia was examined from 2 days post-
30 infection. Culture fluid was collected at 5-7 days and gp120 antigen production measured by ELISA (Mahmood and Hay, J. Immunol. Meth., 151, 9-13, 1992). The EC₅₀ is that concentration of drug [in μM] required to reduce gp120 production by 50%. Cell viability of infected and
35 uninfected cells were assessed by the MTT-Formazan method (Pauwels *et al.* J. Virol. Meth. 20, 309-321, 1988).

JM cells JM cells, which are relatively resistant to the antiviral effects of AZT and a number of its derivatives,

were infected with HIV-1 strains and the antiviral and toxic effects of compounds assessed as for C8166 cells. Both GB8 or IIIB strains of HIV1 were used, with no detectable differences in the end-points noted.

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Each assay was carried out in duplicate, on at least two separate occasions, and data quoted are the average of each separate assay.

10 The compounds of the present invention have been shown to be active against both HIV1 and HIV2 in both TK⁺ and TK⁻ cells as illustrated in Table 2.

Table 2

Compound	HIV1 in C8166/JM		HIV2 in CEM TK ⁺ /CEM TK ⁻	
	EC ₅₀	μM	EC ₅₀	μM
	C8166	JM	CEM TK ⁺	CEM TK ⁻
730	0.0008	0.0008	0.016	0.06
d4T (comparative)	0.08	0.8	1.2	>100

15 As expected, d4T (comparative) loses activity in the kinase deficient cells (especially CEM TK⁻), whilst compound 730 of the invention retains good activity in both TK⁺ and TK⁻ cells against both HIV1 and HIV2. Compound 730 of the invention is >1000 times more potent than d4T in TK⁻ cells. Surprisingly, the compound is 100-fold more potent than d4T in CEM TK⁺ assays.

20 The potent activity of the compounds of the invention is further supported by the data in Table 3, which illustrates activity, toxicity and selectivity index of a series of compounds of the present invention.

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The enhanced anti-viral potency and reduced cytotoxicity of the phosphate derivatives lead to very large improvements in selectivity index [defined as CC_{50}/EC_{50}] evidencing marked improvements in in vivo efficacy compared to d4T
5 (comparative).

Evidence that the compounds of the present invention are acting via a pathway different to that of d4T or AZT is provided by the data of Table 4.

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As can be seen, whilst the potency of d4T (comparative) is much reduced in nucleoside resistant strains, the potency of the compounds of the present invention is largely maintained. Thus, it is clear that the compounds of the
15 present invention are not acting primarily via the conventional nucleoside 5' triphosphate derivative.

CEM and MT4 cells (at 400,000 cells/ml) and PBL cells (at 2,000,000 cells/ml) were exposed to different concentrations
20 of [³H] 324 and incubated at 37°C for 24 hours. Then cells were washed twice with cold PBS and to the cell pellet was added 400 µl cold methanol 66%. After standing on ice for 10 min, the cell extract was centrifuged and the supernatent analyzed on HPLC. As shown in Table 5, intracellular D4T-
25 MP (monophosphate) levels increased proportionally in function of the initial concentration of 324 in all three cell lines tested. However, the increase of D4T-TP (triphosphate) levels slowed down at initial 324 concentrations that were higher than 25 µM (for CEM and MT4
30 cells) or higher than 1.0 µM (for PBL). Surprisingly, a metabolite (designated X) accumulated substantially and predominantly in all three cell types. The accumulation was proportional to the initial 324 concentration, and, again, was lower in PBL than CEM and MT4 cells.

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When 1mM 324 was incubated with high concentrations of hog liver esterase at 37°C in Tris-HCl buffer containing 5 mM MgCl₂, a time-dependent formation of a metabolite was observed. This metabolites co-eluted with the predominant

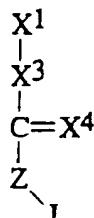
metabolite (X) that was found in the cell extracts after incubation of the intact cells with [³H] 324. metabolite X corresponds to a compound of formula (10), wherein Y is oxygen, X¹ is NH, X² is oxygen, B is thymine, R¹ is Me, R² is hydrogen.

Data on an expanded range of compounds is presented in Table 6 (d4T analogues) and Table 7 (dideoxy and 3' - β - substituted nucleoside analogues) in which:-

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Cpd and Init : refer to the compound reference numbers;
Y : refers to the group:-

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Z : refers to the 3' - substituent on a deoxyribose sugar wherein the substituent is in an " α " orientation (R⁹) unless designated "up" which refers to a " β " orientation (R¹⁰);

B : refers to the heterocyclic nucleic acid base, present at C1' in β - orientation; conventional one-letter base codes are used; pyrimidine substituents are at C5.

The data columns are, in order:

HIV1 MT4: EC₅₀ in μ M for inhibition of HIV-1 in MT4 cells.

HIV2 MT4: EC₅₀ in μ M for inhibition of HIV-2 in MT4 cells.

35 CC50 MT4: CC₅₀ in μ M for toxicity to MT-4 cells.

HIV1 CEM: EC₅₀ in μ M for inhibition of HIV-1 in CEM cells.

HIV2 CEM: EC₅₀ in μ M for inhibition of HIV-2 in CEM cells.

HIV2 CEM-TK: EC₅₀ in μ M for inhibition of HIV-2 in CEM/TK cells.

CC₅₀ CEM: CC₅₀ in μM for toxicity to CEM cells.

EC₅₀ MSV: EC₅₀ in μM for inhibition of MSV

MCC MSV: Minimum cytotoxic concentration in MSV assay

5 Where data of table 6 differs from that presented in Tables 2 to 5, the data of the former relates to the mean result obtained from two or more repeat experiments, whereas the latter relates to individual experimental results.

Table 3

Entry Ar R¹ J Activity Toxicity
 EC₅₀ EC₅₀ CC₅₀
 CC₅₀/EC₅₀ × 10³

323	4-EtPh	Me	Me	0.0032	50	15.6
324	Ph	Me	Me	0.0032	150	46.9
327	4-FPh	Me	Me	0.0032	200	62.5
526	3-CF ₃ Ph	Me	Me	0.0008	200	250
546	3,5-Cl ₂ Ph	Me	Me	0.001	100	100
730	Ph	Me	Bz1	0.0008	400	500
776	2,4-Br ₂ Ph	Me	Me	0.0008	100	125
779	F,Ph	Me	Me	0.064	80	1.25
862	Ph	Me	Hex	0.0012	500	417
863	Ph	Me	Me	0.016	500	31.2
864	Ph	CH ₂ iPr	Me	0.016	>1000	>62.5
865	Ph	iPr	Me	0.8	>1000	>1.25
866	Ph	H	Me	0.8	>1000	>1.25
867	Ph	[CH ₂] ₂ SMe	Me	0.0016	>1000	>62.5
868	2,4Br ₂ Ph	Me	Bz1	0.0032	500	156
877	Ph	Bz1	Bz1	0.0003	80	267
878	Ph	Bz1	tBu	0.16	150	0.9
892	Ph	Me	Cyclohex	0.0016	500	312
893	Ph	Me	tBu	0.2	>1000	>5.0

[data are μ M for HIV1 in C8166 cells]
 BY comparison, similar data for d4T:
 d4T

0.08

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0.6

Table 4

Compound	EC ₅₀	In μM	EC ₅₀	SI	EC ₅₀				
	HIV RT	8166	8166	CEM	CEM TK	HeLa	HeLa	HIV1	HIV1
	HIV1	HIV1	HIV1	HIV1	HIV2	HIV2	HIV2	d4T-Sensitive	d4T-Resistant
d4T	Inactive	0.08	625	0.5	>100	0.86	0.86		
324	50	0.0032	62,500	0.18	0.08	n/d	n/d		3.38
526	n/d	0.0008	>250,000	0.08	0.06	0.04	0.04		n/d
546	n/d	0.001	>200,000	0.06	0.06	0.03	0.03		0.05
AZT	Inactive	0.008	>100,000	0.003	>100	n/d	n/d		0.04

Table 5Metabolism of [³H] 324 after 24 hr incubation in human CEM, MT4 and PBL cells

Metabolite	n mole/10 ⁹ cells						MT-4	PBL			
	Initial concentration of [³ H] 324 (μ M)										
	0.2	1.0	5.0	25	100	500	0.2	25	0.2	1.0	25
324 + D4T	7.6	47.8	228	897	4,333	16,691	7.9	1,255	2.0	12.2	245
D4T-MP	3.9	10.8	54	490	2,259	11,359	29	394	2.4	14.2	355
D4T-DP	1.5	5.1	21.6	75	214	430	2.0	116	0.45	1.8	15.3
D4T-TP	10.3	37.6	177	553	691	938	22.6	535	6.6	27	149
	133	628	3,164	16,193	66,359	204,442	117	14,582	17.6	97.3	1,995

Cat	AltO	Z	B	II(V) M	II(V2 M)	CC50 M	II(V) CEM	II(V2 CEM)	2 CEM 1K	CC50 CEM	EC50 MSV	MCCMSV
268	AS					0.24	1.2	>100				
321	AS	IeO					>42	>42			J6	
322	AS	TCEO					29	71	59			
323	AS	EPhO				0.057	>100	0.07	0.16	0.06	60	
324	AS	PtO				0.081	>100	0.075	0.075	0.075	100	
325	AS	TCEO				0.44	0.5	>100	1	2	0.7	
326	AS	PtO				36	84	>250	>230	135	>250	
345	AS	TCEO							8	11	10	
400	AS	TCEO							>40	>40	>40	
401	AS	TCEO		PtNH					>210	>210	>210	
402	AS	TCEO		BuNH					118	>204	161	
403	AS	TCEO		(HdI)					>216	>216	>216	
404	AS	TCEO		PtO					>209	>209	>209	
406	AS	TCEO		MgC11(2C1211)					>238	>258	>258	
407	AS	TCEO		HdI					>203	>203	>203	
446	AS								0.5	0.5	0.5	86
479	SI	IPtO		IPtOSPNH					>95	>95	>95	
480	SI	BuO		BuOSPNH					>48	>48	>48	
481	SI	BuO		BuOS-PNMe					>9	>9	>9	
504	AS	TCEO		BuNH					73	116	>226	
526	AS	mC13PhO		MgAlNH		0.05	0.11	10	0.15	0.15	0.12	30
546	AS	3,5-C12PhO		MgAlNH		0.037	0.11	10.5	0.12	0.12	0.12	26.9
547	AS	mTMAPHO		MgAlNH					>3520	>7	4	72
561	AS	IeO		IeO					>58	>58	>58	
558	AS	PtO		IeAlNH					>44	>44	>44	
561	AS	EPhO		MgAlNH					85	4	72	
562	AS	TCEO		TCEO					>26	>36	>36	
563	AS	EIO		DtIH					>268	>268	>268	
564	AS	EIO		MgAlNH					>48	>48	>48	
730	DC	PtO		BtAlNH		28.5	62.5	>250	>240	>240	>250	
740	DC	MeO		MgAlNH					0.016	0.016	0.016	25
775	DC	IIO				25.4	50.4	>250	20	50	>250	
776	DC	2,4Bz2PhO		MgAlNH					0.8	0.95	0.95	17.4
779	DC	FsPhO		MgAlNH					0.04	0.035	0.035	16
786	DC	IeO				172	407	87	25	37	85	115
787	DC	MeO							0.65	0.95	0.95	150
788	DC	IIO							0.65	0.6	0.6	115

TABLE 6

Cpd	Init	Aro	Z	B	Y	X	HIV1 M	HIV2 M	MCC50 M	HIV1 CEM	HIV2 CEM	EC50 CEM	EC50 MSV	MCCMSV
789	DC	DedO	H	H	H	H			0.65	0.65	40	64		
790	DC	BuO	H	H	H	H			0.65	0.9	30	177		
791	DC	OcO	H	H	H	H			0.4	0.6	23	90		
792	DC	PhO	H	H	H	H			0.55	0.9	40	137		
793	DC	PhO	H	H	H	H			0.65	0.65	33	170		
816	DC	C16O	H	H	H	H			0.85	0.65	15	25		
817	DC	MeO	H	H	H	H			0.7	0.55	20	146		
828	DC	PhO	C12NH	H	H	H	>10	>10				14		
829	DC	PhO	C8NH	H	H	H	>10	>10				23		
849	DC	PhO	PhAlNII	H	H	H			140	100	125	>250		
853	DC	PhO	OII	H	H	H			23	15	10	115		
858	DC	PhO	PnNII	H	H	H	>250	>250			0.7	23	153	
859	DC	PhO	PhNII	H	H	H	>250	>250			>50		145	
860	DC	PhO	PhNII	H	H	H	>250	>250			>50		250	
861	DC	PhO	CNEO	H	H	H			1.2	0.95	17.5	250		
862	DC	PhO	PhAlNII	H	H	H			0.06	0.055	0.033	48		
863	DC	PhO	MePhenNII	H	H	H	0.2	0.4	0.8	1.35	0.33	216		
864	DC	PhO	MeLeuNII	H	H	H	0.2	0.5	62	1.1	2.23	0.4	>250	
865	DC	PhO	MeValNII	H	H	H	3.6	11.2	>250	12.5	12.5	4	>250	
866	IIC	PhO	MeGlyNII	H	H	H	1.3	6.7	>250	6	6	7	>250	
867	DC	PhO	MeMethylI	H	H	H	0.2	0.4	22	0.6	0.8	0.34	>250	
868	DC	B12PhO	BzAlkII	H	H	H			0.2	0.2	0.2	50		
870	DC	B12PhO	BzAlkNII	H	H	H			>50		12.5	180		
877	DC	PhO	BzPhenNII	H	H	H			0.6	0.6	0.24	44		
878	DC	PhO	BzPhenNII	H	H	H			2	2	0.65	80		
879	DC	PhO	MeProttII	H	H	H			>10	>10		42.5		
880	DC	PhO	PhO	H	H	H			25	25	75	>250		
881	DC	IIO	PhAlNII	H	H	H								
892	GO/D	PhO	C1xAlaNII	H	H	H			0.065	0.075	0.09	51.4		
893	GO/D	PhO	ThdAlaNII	H	H	H			0.65	1.1	0.74	>250		
912	ASS	PhO	MeDAlaNII	H	H	H			3	2	2.5	>250		
933	DC	PhO	DPhoNII	H	H	H			35	12.5	>50	92	>100	>100
949	DC	PhO	EMeNII	H	H	H			0.6	0.3	0.15	166	52	>100
950	DC	PhO	E11AlaNII	H	H	H			250	>250	>250	>100	>100	>100

TABLE 6 (CONT'D.)

Cnd	Init	ArO	Y	Z	B	HIV1 M	HIV2 M	CC50 M	HIV1 CEM	HIV2 CEM	2.CEM.1K	CC50 CEM	EC50 MSV	MCCMSV
951	DC	PhO	EtAlaNH	-	T			0.1	0.07	0.07		55	25	>100
978	DC	PhO	MeLacto	-	T			40	50	>250		>250	>100	>100
979	DC	PhO	EtLacto	-	T			28	23	160	>250	>100	>100	>100
980	DC	PhO	MeGlycO	-	T			27.5	50	>250		>100	>100	>100
981	DC	PhO	EtGlyco	-	T			12.5	12.5	150	>250	>100	>100	>100
982	DC	PhO	MeMandU	-	T			1.7	0.65	15	94	14	>100	>100
983	DC	N MeEphedrin	heterocycle	-	T			>250	122	>250		>100	>100	>100
1078	SV	PhO	Me2AspNH	-	T			0.55	0.65	0.33	200	31.4	>100	>100
1079	SV	IO	AspNH	-	T			1.8	2.5	70	>250	9.3	>100	>100
1080	SV	IO	MeAspNHSIC]	-	T			3.5	5	110	2250	30.3	>100	>100
1081	ASS	PhO	Me2GluNH	-	T			8	5.33	1.6	>250	88.8	>100	>100
1083	ASS	IO	GluNH	-	T			8.5	5.5	>250		54.6	>100	>100
1095	ASS	IO	D-AlaNH	-	T			1.3	1.6	10	>250	0.42	>100	>100
1129	SV	IO	MeAlaNH	-	T			2	4.5	50	>250	47.4	>100	>100
1131	SV	OH	OII	-	T			0.4	0.6	50	>250	6.7	>100	>100
1133	LB	PhO	EtGlycNMe	-	T			75	87.5	>250		>100	>100	>100
1135	SV	MeO	EtAlaNH	-	T			10	15	17.5	>250	>100	>100	>100
1137	SV	OII	EtAlaNH	-	T			0.95	1.6	8	>250	15.7	>100	>100
1139	MW	PhO	OOctOII	-	T			15	15	>50	66.6	>20	>20	>20
1156	LB	IO	MethII	-	T			1.27	0.7	50	>250	16.2	>100	>100
1163	LB	IO	GlyNH	-	T			2	5	130	>250			
1186	LB	PhO	MelleII	-	T			5						
1187	LB	IO	PheIII	-	T									
1189	YW	PhO	CH ₂ Cl ₂ AlaNH	-	T									
1190	LB	OII	ValNH	-	T									
1192	LB	OII	LeuNH	-	T									
1193	LB	PhO	MeAlII	-	T	[FAST ISOMER]								
1194	LB	PhO	ProII	-	T									
1196	KI	PhO	MeGluAlaNHII	-	T									
1197	IWI	PhO	Me-D-AlaII	-	T									
1198	IWI	PhO	Me-GABAII	-	T									
1199	IWI	PhO	MeCaprooyNH	-	T									
1200	IWI	PhO	MeOCOCMe2Ala	-	T									
1214	KI	PhO	MeAspargineII	-	T									
1215	KI	PhO	MeItryDII	-	T									
1216	IWI	OII	DL-AlaNH	-	T								0.7	

TABLE 6 (CONTD.)

Cpd	Init	Aro	Y	Z	B	HIV1 M	HIV2 M	CC50 M	HIV1 CEM	HIV2 CEM	2.GEM.TK	CC50 CEM	EC50 MSV	MCMSV
1217	HWT	OH	CaproyNH	=	-								1.4	
1218	PS	PhO	PnAlaNH	=	-								<0.08	
1219	PS	PhO	neoPhiAlaNH	=	-								<0.08	
1220	PS	PhO	PhenethylAlaN	=	-								0.7	
1224	HWT	OH	Me-GABANH	=	-								1	
1225	PS	PhO	1-NaphthMethAla	=	-								<0.08	
1227	PS	PhO	2-NaphthMethAla	=	-								<0.08	

TABLE 6 (CONTD.)

Cpd	Init	Aro	Y	Z	B	HIV1 M	HIV2 M	MCC50 M	HIV1 CEM	HIV2 CEM	2.CEM.TK	CC50 CEM	EC50 MSV	MCCMSV
462	PB	PhO	MeAlaNH	N3-up	T	3.3	11	121	27.5	40	>30			
499	PB	-	-	N3-up	T	0.9	2.3	>250	3	4	>250			
536	PB	mCF3PhO	MeAlaNH	N3-up	T	0.45	0.9	104	1	2	3			
550	PB	3,5C2PhO	MeAlaNH	N3-up	T	0.5	1	98	1.4	3	12			
569	PB	-	-	N3-up	U				>400	>400	>400			
571	PB	PhO	MeAlaNH	N3-up	U				>202	>202	117			
657	ASS	PhO	HexNH	N3-up	T				>40	>18				
659	ASS	PhO	BuNH	N3-up	T				>42	>42				
661	ASS	PhO	C12NH	N3-up	T				>7	>7	>7			
687	DC	-	-	N3-up	BzT									
731	DC	PhO	BzAlaNH	N3-up	T				2.5	2.8	>100	>100		
739	DC	MeO	MeAlaNH	N3-up	T				0.28	0.7	1.1	88		
774	ASS	PhO	MeAlaNH	N3-up	N-OctT				10	18	>250	>250		
777	DC	2,4-Br2PhO	MeAlaNH	N3-up	T				>10	>10			15	
780	DC	f5PhO	MeAlaNH	N3-up	T				0.5	0.55	0.19	55		
846	ASS	PhO	CNEO	N3-up	T				23	33	100	106		
847	ASS	TFEO	CNEO	N3-up	T				13	14	>250	>250		
850	ASS	PhO	OH	N3-up	T				12	9	>250	>250		
855	ASS	TFEO	OH	N3-up	T				18	9	>250	>250		
856	ASS	HO	CNEO	N3-up	T				17.5	17.5	>250	>250		
857	ASS	HO	OH	N3-up	T				13	25	>250	>250		
941	ASS	PhO	Me-D-PheNH	N3-up	T				5	10	>250	>250		
1069	OW	-	-	H	A				>50					
1071	ASS	HO	HOC(O)AlaNH	N3-up	T				4	8	17.5	>250		
1093	OW	PhO	MeAlaNH	H	A				115	100	250	>250	24.3	>100
1221	CY	PhO	MeAlaNH	H	C				0.016	0.035	0.055	2.57	1.95	>20
1225	OW	PhO	MeAlaNH	H	T				0.6					1.2

TABLE 7

In vivo Testing

Inhibitory effects of test compounds on the initiation of MSV-5 induced tumour formation in NRMI mice and on the survival of MSV inoculated NMRI mice.

Mice infected with Moloney Sarcoma Virus [MSV] were treated daily with either placebo, or d4T [at one of two doses] or with 10 compound 324 at one of the same [equi-molar] doses.

Two- to three-day old NMRI mice (weighing ~ 2 gram) were inoculated subcutaneously (s.c.) in the left hind leg with 50 µl MSV (100 foci forming units, as measured by in vitro determination of the virus-induced transformation of murine C3H embryo fibroblast cells). At 4 to 5 days post-infection, tumours develop and rapidly increase in volume upon further aging of the mice. Within 10 to 12 days post-infection, mice (then weighing ~ 5 to 6 gram) die from the viral infection. 20 Drug treatment started 1 hour prior to infection of the virus, and further compound administration was given daily i.p. for an additional 3 days. The mean day of tumour initiation (\pm standard deviation) and the mean day of survival of the mice (\pm standard deviation) was calculated and statistical 25 significance of the average delay of tumour formation and the mean day of survival in the treated groups versus the untreated (control) group was assessed by two-tailed student's t-test.

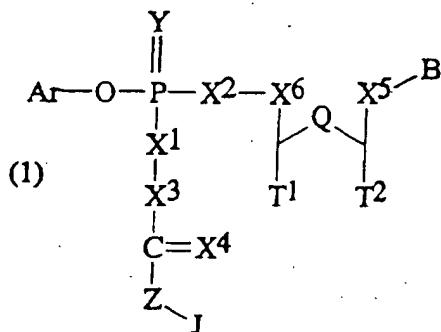
Whilst d4T failed to give any detectable delay in either tumour 30 appearance or death, a significant effect on both parameters was seen with high-dose compound 324, and an effect on the first disease parameter at low dose [Figure 1].

CLAIMS:

1. A compound of the formula (1)

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15 wherein Ar is an aryl group;

Y is oxygen or sulphur;

20 X¹ is selected from O, NR³, S, CR³R⁴, CR³W¹ and CW¹W² where R³ and R⁴ are independently selected from hydrogen, alkyl and aryl groups; and W¹ and W² are heteroatoms;

25 X²-X⁶ may be absent; or X⁶ is CH₂ and X² is selected (independently of X¹) from O, NR³, S, CR³R⁴, CR³W¹ and CW¹W² where R³ and R⁴ are independently selected from hydrogen, alkyl and aryl groups; and W¹ and W² are heteroatoms;

30 X³ is a C₁₋₆ alkyl group;

X⁴ is oxygen or CH₂;

X⁵ may be absent or is CH₂;

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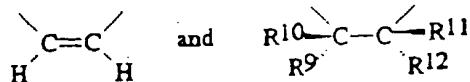
Z is selected from O, NR⁵, S, alkyl and aryl groups, where R⁵ is selected from hydrogen, alkyl and aryl groups;

J is selected from hydrogen, alkyl, aryl, heterocyclic and polycyclic groups;

5 Q is selected from O, NR⁶, S, CR⁶R⁷, CR⁶W³ and CW³W⁴ where R⁶ and R⁷ are independently selected from hydrogen, alkyl and aryl groups; and W³ and W⁴ are heteroatoms;

10 T¹ and T² are independently selected from hydrogen and CH₂R⁸, where R⁸ is selected from H, OH and F; or T¹ and T² are linked together and together are selected from the groups

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where R⁹ is selected from H, halogen, CN, NH₂, CO-alkyl and alkyl; and R¹⁰, R¹¹ and R¹² are independently selected from H, N₃, halogen, CN, NH₂, CO-alkyl and alkyl;

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B is a purine or pyrimidine base;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative or metabolite thereof.

2. A compound according to claim 1 wherein

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Y is oxygen;

X¹ is NH;

X³ is CHR¹;

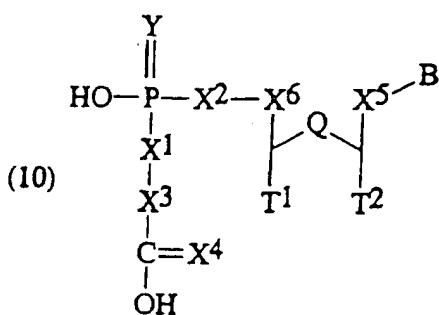
X⁴ is oxygen; and

Z is oxygen.

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3. A compound of formula (10)

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10 or pharmaceutically acceptable derivative or metabolite thereof.

4. A compound according to claim 3 wherein

15 Y is oxygen;

X¹ is NH;

X³ is CHR¹; and

X⁴ is oxygen

20 5. A compound according to any one of claims 1 to 4 wherein

X² is oxygen;

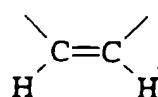
X⁶ is CH₃;

25 Q is oxygen;

X⁵ is absent; and

T¹ and T² together comprise the group:-

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35 6. A compound according to claim 5 wherein B is thymine.

7. A compound according to claim 6 wherein Ar, R¹ and J are defined as follows:-

Compound Reference	Ar	R ¹	J
323	4-EtPh	Me	Me
324	Ph	Me	Me
5 327	4-FPh	Me	Me
526	3-CF ₃ Ph	Me	Me
546	3, 5-Cl ₂ Ph	Me	Me
730	Ph	Me	Bzl
776	2, 4-Br ₂ Ph	Me	Me
10 779	F ₅ Ph	Me	Me
862	Ph	Me	Hexyl
863	Ph	Bzl	Me
864	Ph	CH ₂ iPr	Me
865	Ph	iPr	Me
15 866	Ph	H	Me
867	Ph	[CH ₂] ₂ SMe	Me
868	2, 4Br ₂ Ph	Me	Bzl
877	Ph	Bzl	Bzl
878	Ph	Bzl	tBu
20 892	Ph	Me	Cyclohexyl
893	Ph	Me	tBu
1078	Ph	CH ₂ CO ₂ H	Me
1214	Ph	CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ NHC(NH ₂)NH	Me
1218	Ph	Me	n-Pent
25 1219	Ph	Me	neo-Pent
1225	Ph	Me	1-Naphthyl
1227	Ph	Me	2-Naphthyl

30 8. A compound according to any one of claims 1 to 4 wherein

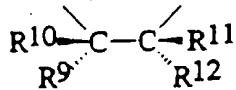
X² is oxygen;

X⁶ is CH₂;

Q is oxygen;

35 X⁵ is absent; and

T¹ and T² together comprise the group:-



9. A compound according to claim 8 wherein B is adenine or thymine.

10. A compound according to any one of claims 1 to 4 wherein
5 X^2-X^6 is absent

Q is oxygen;

X^5 is CH_3 ;

T^1 and T^2 are independently selected from hydrogen and CH_2R^8 wherein R^8 is selected from H, OH and F.

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11. A compound according to claim 9 wherein B is adenine.

12. A compound according to any one of claims 1 to 11 for use in a method of treatment, prophylaxis or diagnosis.

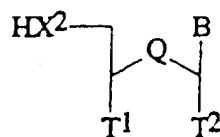
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13. Use of a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 11 in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment or prophylaxis of a viral infection.

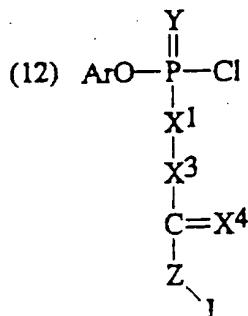
20 14. Use of a compound according to claim 13 wherein the viral infection comprises HIV.

15. A process for the preparation of a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 11 comprising reaction of a compound
25 of formula (11)

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35 with a compound of formula (12)



10 16. A method of prophylaxis or treatment of viral infection comprising administration to a patient in need of such treatment an effective dose of a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 11.

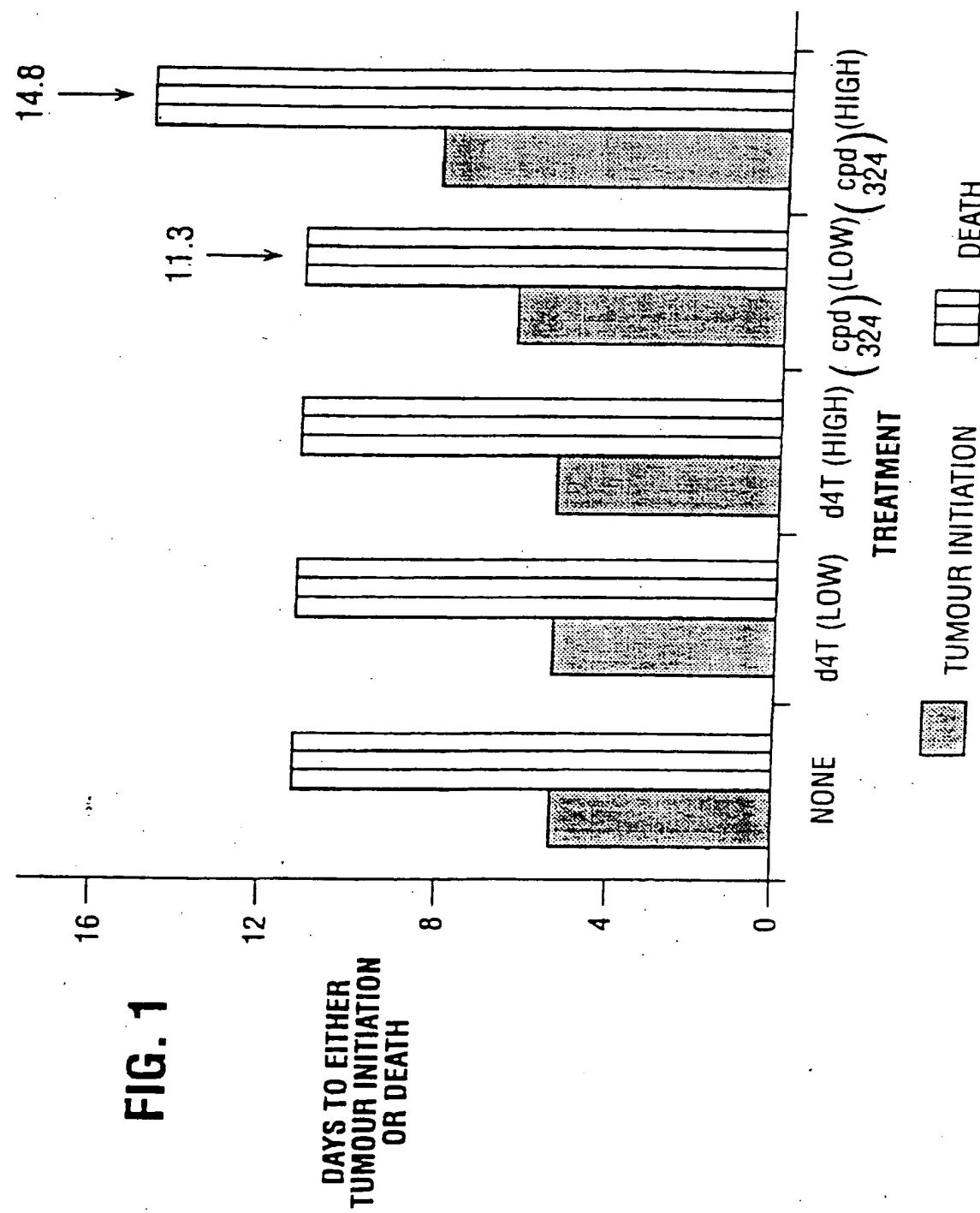
15 17. Use of a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 11 in the manufacture of a medicament for use in the inhibition of a reverse transcriptase by a nucleoside-resistance independent or nucleoside 5'-triphosphate independent mode of action.

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18. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 11 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

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